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Smithsonian acquires gay/lesbian memorabilia

by Drew Herzig
OF MGW STAFF

The prestigious Smithsonian Institution formally acquired political memorabilia documenting the struggle of gay men and lesbians working together to gain equality. "The gift represents a significant part of the political history of our time," said Roger G. Kennedy, director of the National Museum of

American History, Smithsonian Institution.

Director Kennedy welcomed gay, lesbian and feminist leaders to a ceremony on October 24. Among those in attendance were representatives from NOW National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, PFLAG, Human Rights Campaign Fund, and GLAAD. Veteran and gay activist Vernon C. Mitchell of Marina del Rey, California, donated to the

museum personal items from his years of activism.

"History is our future," said Mitchell, "and unless it's preserved for posterity, the gay and lesbian quest for equality is seriously hampered. This formal acquisition is one more milestone in gaining equality."

"My eternal gratitude goes to Edith Mayo, a curator in the Political History Division of the National Museum of American History. The

acquisition was nothing short of a miracle," acknowledged Mitchell.

"It's very exciting," said NOW's Vice President Rosemary Dempsey. "When such a widely known and honored museum publicly accepts - and begins to build -- what I hope will become an extensive collection that will someday see the light of a public exhibition, we will be here in the nation's capitol, proudly viewing our history."

Dempsey praised Edith Mayo and the landmark acquisition as "the first acknowledgement and formal acceptance of articles by the Smithsonian that have come out of the gay and lesbian political movement."

Mayo said, "I hope we can continue to work together to build the new Gay and Lesbian Collection."▼

See story for names ▼

Major election victories nationwide

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (H.R.C.F.) announced significant victories across the U.S. for lesbian and gay persons. With victories in many races in both the House and Senate those who oppose both Jesse Helms and William Dannemeyer will have increased strength when Congress reconvenes in January.

H.R.C.F. is the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization. Its political action committee (PAC) contributed \$525,000 during the last election and GOP candidates received over \$70,000 a new record. The Fund made contributions to 121 house and 12 Senate campaigns, losing only 18 supported races. The 1990 elections brought more members to Congress who are supportive of lesbian and gay persons than any other election in American history.

In Alexandria, VA, Mayor Jim Moran defeated Congressperson Sian Parris (R-VA), one of the strongest anti-gay legislators in the country. And in Illinois, Paul Simon (D-IL), Rep. Martin had supported the Helms-Chapman "food handlers" amendment that would have destroyed the protection given us by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

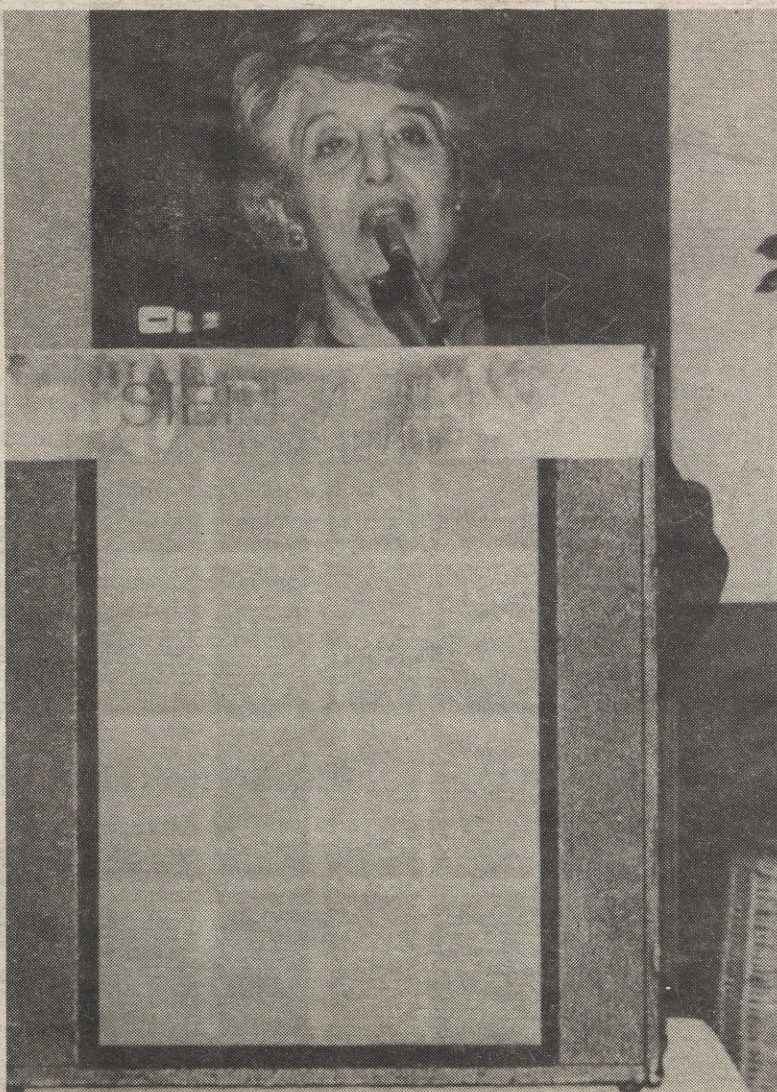
In Washington state, Jolene Unsoeld (D-WA) campaigned successfully against her Republican opponent in the congressional races and on the east coast in Maine H.R.C.F. assisted Tom Andrews (D-ME) in his successful bid for the House of Representatives.

Oregon's Mike Kopetski (D-OR) was victorious in his second attempt to unseat Congressperson Denny Smith (R-OR) thanks to participation by the H.R.C.F.'s staff members in the state.

H.R.C.F. believes that the active participation of its staff, along with contributions from community members will have visible results in the next session of Congress. The H.R.C.F. lobbyist anticipates that 16 of the newly elected members of the House and Senate will cosponsor the reintroduction of the national Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill in January. In addition eight new members are supportive of our community's goals.▼



Photo by John Zen



The Mayor at SACWN holiday gathering. Photo by Linda Birner

Anne Rudin addresses SACWN; Empowerment is the key

by Linda Birner
OF MGW STAFF

Mayor Anne Rudin was the recent speaker at the 4th Annual SACWN holiday gathering and before she finished it was very clear she brought with her the keys to a successful life as a public official. What is also very clear is her recipe for success can just as easily be applied to the operation of community organizations like SACWN.

Empowerment is the helping of others to gain their own power. It is one of the key building blocks stressed by Mayor Anne Rudin. By empowering others you also strengthen your own power and thus strengthen your entire organization. Rudin pointed to SACWN specifically as a group which needs to become more out in Sacramento, one group which has a great deal of potential power. She acknowledged that all women's groups, lesbian or straight, still have to make a stronger effort to achieve goals than do male-oriented organizations. She did,

however, predict a day soon when power will be defined by a "female" definition of power, rather than the traditional "male" confrontational style.

In encouraging SACWN to take a stronger stand in the community, Rudin stresses a series of steps for preparation to increase visibility in the community. The first step is to decide what goals you wish to attain and how you want to reach those goals. Those goals must be set by yourself and your group, and not dictated by society. Once the goals are formed, and you know they are right, don't give up on the climb to reaching the goals. It always takes determination and very long working hours. The second step as outlined by Rudin, is to help women to help themselves through empowerment. Be willing to challenge the old concepts of power, and the old ways of participating in your community. Be willing to settle for nothing less than equal rights and equal results.▼

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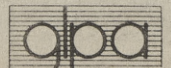
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Dear Editor:

"We are British and American
by birth. We are currently resi-
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can both get jobs. We started
talking to the various women
we've met who are in the same
position ... and our concerns and
interests were so various and yet
similar that there was no doubt
that a great deal could be gained
by all of us if there were some
record of our survival, some
documentation, some documenta-
tion of how and what we deal
with. With the plethora of good
books by and about lesbians and
the dynamics of our interactions,
little (or is it nothing?) has been
published about the position of
bi-national and bi-cultural
partnerships. Writing about our
lives, our concerns, our dreams,
our politics, our communities, our
relationships seems to be one of
the keys to our own increased
freedom.

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see the future? What do you
dream for? What don't you allow
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supports you? Where do you
live? How long have you been
there? How did you decide
where to live? How long do you

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Dear Editor:

The Gay Community News
based in Hawaii is now the
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nity News. Our actual copy
distribution reached 40,000
copies monthly in June 1990. We
have plans to be at 50-60,000
copies by December 1990.

A major unique feature of our
paper is that we cover the news
and special announcements from
all over the country to help us and
our readers know what is relevant
from a "local area" perspective.

Additionally, we maintain a
complete and as comprehensive
as possible guide to community
service programs and businesses.
The Hawaii Guide is free to all
Hawaii-based programs and
businesses. Mainland (and soon
to be Japan) states' guides will
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The Gay Community News and I
sincerely hope we can work to-
gether to develop a community-
based tool to connect big and
little communities for network-
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cation of community resources,
and community development and
outreach -- the goals and purposes
of Hawaii's National Gay
Community News. If we can be
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questions, please call or write --
TODAY!

William E. Woods, MPH
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Thank you from Hope House

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your newspaper's
part in celebrating Denny Man-
gers' 50th. My wife and I were
there for the good time.

The Committee for AIDS Client
Services contributed \$2,335 to
Hope House, and the same
amount to the Sacramento AIDS
Foundation. You had a part in
this.

Hope House is supported by the
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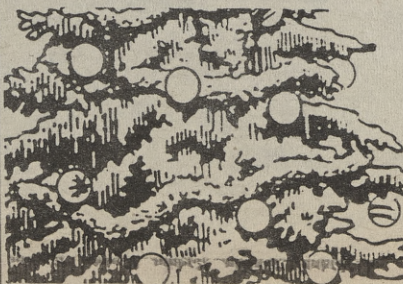
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Announcement creates sensation

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

This month, two lesbians became the first known gay couple to have a bonding announcement in a mainstream newspaper alongside the usual heterosexual engagement, wedding and 50th anniversary announcements.

For Sally Hutson and Jennifer Quall, sending a wedding announcement to the local paper is what you do when you get hitched.

"When you grow up, you always see this stuff in the paper," said Hutson. "You always see the engagements and the wedding pictures."

"Here we have the same kind of feelings, the same kind of relationship, and we have the same kind of ceremony."

"We should have the same kind of announcement."

But the 45-year-old silversmith and the 32-year-old cook had no idea that once the news hit, they would become overnight gay rights advocates.

"There wasn't that kind of thought

behind it, we didn't really plan for it," said Hutson.

They didn't even expect the paper to publish the blurb.

But they were willing to give it a try.

"They always cover everything else," said Hutson.

Within days of the impending announcement -- and the policy change at *The Herald* that preceded it -- they became national news.

They got a story and a photo in *USA TODAY*.

They appeared not once but twice on *"The Oprah Winfrey Show,"* once as the guests and once in the audience for a gay male couple who are fighting city hall for the right to get a wedding license.

And local television stations rang their phone off the hook.

Despite the excitement of being overnight celebrities, the attention hasn't all been fun and games.

Churches in the conservative, tree-lined town 60 miles north of Seattle are mounting a boycott of *The Herald*, demanding a reversal of a policy they say supports gay rights.

The gallery Hutson is opening

got a visit from the local police who had been told that the gallery's exhibit of nudes was pornographic.

"I told the police about the newspaper notice and the wedding," said Hutson. "And I told them that I believed it was my right to have a wedding announcement in any newspaper I want -- not just the gay newspaper but the straight newspaper as well."

And both of their mothers received anonymous calls saying they were "faggot lovers."

According to Hutson, her 76-year-old mother immediately went to the dictionary to look up the slang, then told her daughter that the caller "hadn't even used the right word."

Although Hutson is exhausted at all the attention -- and a little bit wary -- she is pleased with the changes she and Quall have been able to make at the local newspaper.

"We all need to do this," said Hutson.

"Otherwise, we're living these lies that take away the value of our whole lives." ▼

MGW EDITORIAL

SGLTC:

Where's the support?

Here in Sacramento, we're talking a lot about community. There is a significant gay population here, but at this time it's a bit presumptuous to call it a community. But we're talking about it, which means that we realize the advantages of community.

A true community is a group of people who share a common identity, interests, and goals while at the same time maintaining their individuality. Gay people in Sacramento certainly have the potential for becoming that kind of community, and have made significant progress in that direction over the years.

But one big obstacle is holding us back, and that is factionalism. Factionalism usually originates in personality conflicts, easily bruised egos, and petty jealousies.

We must eliminate factionalism if we are ever to fuse into a real community.

One of the ways to eliminate factionalism is to subordinate personal interest and personal pride to the good of the whole community. This means offering one's ideas, services, and suggestions, but not insisting upon them. It means listening to, understanding, and carefully considering the ideas of others. Above all, it means thoroughly analyzing the situation and dispassionately formulating appropriate plans of action.

This is especially important in matters that will ultimately affect the entire community, such as the Sacramento Gay/Lesbian Town Council.

We don't suppose that many elements of the gay community will deny that such a collection of gay organizations could be very beneficial to us all.

Some members of SGLTC have dropped out for several reasons: They were unhappy because the membership voted for it to be an action organization over just a clearinghouse of local events, information exchange, and a networking organization. Many participants are unhappy because some individuals dominate the meeting with their own agendas. Some get frustrated with members' discussions going on and on. Some are frustrated with the joking, and the meetings are not being run efficiently.

We need to join together to become a true community and before the worker bees burn out due to some of the items listed above. ▼

LIFE holds election, strategy meeting

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Individual and group members of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) met Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Le Baron Hotel in San Jose to elect officers and plan strategies for the passage of AB101, the bill for fair employment and equal treatment for lesbians and gay men.

Officers elected were: John Duran, Elections Committee of the County of Orange (ECCO), Southern California Co-Chair; Marty Keller, Log Cabin Club of San Francisco, Northern California Co-Chair; Bill Robinson, Valley Business Alliance of Los Angeles, Treasurer; Ken Jones, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, Secretary; Dr. Tim Munday, Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles (MECLA) as Medical Advisor.

Eleven members were elected to the Executive Committee they are: Richard Reinsch, individual member from Orange County; John Koehler of the San Diego AIDS Foundation; Connie Norman of Los Angeles Stonewall Democratic Club; Bob Craig, publisher of *Frontiers* as representative of the Los Angeles Greater Area AIDS Hospice; Roger Coggan of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center; Wuzzy Spaulding of Christopher Street West of Los Angeles; Rodney DeMartini of the Aris Project, Bay Area; John Caldwell of Project Inform, San Francisco; Paul Bomberg of Mobilization Against AIDS, San Francisco; Doris Brown of the Contra Costa County AIDS

Task Force and Georgia Garrett-Norris of the AIDS Services Foundation of Orange County.

The board heard former executive director, Rand Martin, currently a staff member to Assemblymember Terry Friedman (D-Sherman Oaks), author of AB 101, state in unequivocal terms that AB 101 is LIFE's bill and that the lobby will control the language and content of the bill as well as determine strategies for the bill's passage. Executive Director, Laurie McBride told the board that Friedman is a person in whom they can have absolute trust -- that he can and will go into a closed door session and be relied upon "not give away the farm."

There was debate about the language of the bill; marketing the bill to the gay and lesbian community and the need to consider the bill a referendum campaign. Staff will begin to seek bi-partisan support for the bill and will approach Republicans as authors as well as moderate and conservative Democrats. New authors and amendments to the bill cannot be added until Jan. 7, 1991 when the legislature reconvenes. Plans were discussed regarding grass-roots organizing, mail campaigns and an endorsement strategy. Timelines also were set to maximize publicity and photo opportunities.

A part of the overall focus of the lobby will be outreach to the people of color communities on both a general basis and for inclusion in the passage of AB 101. Lesbian issues -- health care; domestic partners (recognized as not exclusively

a lesbian issue); equal protection under the law; custody and the right to parent and/or adopt children and comparable worth have been targeted for attention by the lobby in coming months. Health insurance issues will also be a major focus for staff during the coming session.

In the next weeks, in addition to monitoring legislation and forming alliances with new legislators, McBride will be drumming up bi-partisan support for AB 101 and locating Republican authors for the bill while setting up meetings with Friedman, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco) and Governor-elect Pete Wilson in order to gather their input and requirements for passage of the bill.

The LIFE staff will also monitor the activities of the Traditional Values Coalition which has vowed to either stop passage of the bill or if it passes to take the bill to a referendum by the voters in 1992. ▼

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People interested in working with the Police Department
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Lambda seeks board members

The Lambda Community Fund is currently accepting applications for board membership. Persons with familiarity or expertise in one of the following areas: fundraising, law, finance, personnel, administration, volunteerism, and/or activism, are sought for these positions.

Potential board members should have an interest in the Lambda Community Fund and its programs. This is a working board. Applicants from all aspects of the greater Sacramento community are encouraged to apply. Lambda Community Fund welcomes applications without limitations as to age, gender, people of color, and differently abled persons.

To apply call Shannon Lindauer at Lambda Community Center at 442-0185 for applications.

Applications should be completed and returned to the Center by January 6. ▼

MGW HAPPENINGS

Christmas at MCC

Reverend Freda Smith and Reverend Ed Sherriff have completed plans for a Christmas celebration that will touch all ages and needs. Reverend Ed, who fed over 400 for Thanksgiving, will extend the traditional Christmas dinner for those in need or anyone who wishes just good companionship, Christmas day from 2-6pm in the Social Hall at 2741 34th Street. A Christmas concert will be given on Sunday, December 23 at 6pm in the church sanctuary, 3418 Broadway. Special attention is being directed at children with parents who are ill with AIDS or other catastrophic illness. Church members have an "Adopt-A-Child" program in addition to the traditional Christmas baskets of food.

On Christmas Eve there will be two Candlelight Services at 7 and 11pm. Reverend Smith will deliver a short homily and the accent will be on music.

New Years Watch Night Service will commence at 11pm, Monday, December 31, in the sanctuary. Ring in the New Year at MCC. The public is invited to all events and there is no charge. For information call 454-4762. ▼

New director at Hope House

Reverend Ed Sherriff has been appointed Executive Director of Hope House, replacing John Moore who has resigned after a successful tenure. Reverend Sherriff will act as liaison for community fundraising and will manage the supervisory staff of Hope House.

Reverend Sherriff is the Northwest District Coordinator of Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church. He is also the Associate Pastor of the local River City MCC. He has had an extensive nursing background and taught at Spokane Falls Community College for 12 years. He and his life-mate Keith moved to Sacramento in 1987. He is a member of the Lesbian and Gay Town Council and is very active in social action locally. ▼

Camellia Classic Run & Walk

A "Camellia Classic" Run, Walk and Kids' Event -- a fundraiser for the Chemical Dependency Center for Women -- will officially kick off Sacramento's famed Camellia Festival March 3.

In past years, the race was called the "Blisters for Sisters Fun Run," and was a benefit for several women's service agencies. The renamed race is now sponsored by the CDCW, with all proceeds going directly into that agency's programs for prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol addiction among women and their families.

Sponsorship information may be obtained by calling Carol Casaday at 448-2951. ▼

Rodeo update

Members of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association (GSGRA) invite all fans of the Gay Rodeo to the 1991 Road Runner Regional Rodeo January 18, 19 and 20 in Phoenix, Arizona, co-sponsored by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association and the Utah Gay Rodeo Association.

Cowboys and cowgirls from the GSGRA will begin their quest for the 1991 International All-Around title in one of America's toughest sports.

This year's rodeo will be held at the El Lienzo Charro Rodeo Ground in Phoenix, Arizona. For information contact the AGRA at Box 16363, Phoenix, Arizona 85011, or call 602-938-3932 or 602-265-0618. ▼

GLAAD/SAC reorganizing

Would you like to monitor one or more of the local publications or TV/radio stations for homophobic or bigoted statements about lesbians and gays? Would you like to be involved in helping to sensitize and educate representatives of the local press about violence and discrimination which is provoked by discrimination?

The Sacramento Chapter of GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, is reorganizing and needs women and men to work with Sacramento's more than 30 radio stations, seven TV stations and multitude of newspapers to promote positive and accurate expressions of lesbians and gays.

A reorganizational meeting is set for 6:30pm on Thursday, January 10, 1991 at The Commons, 17th and P streets to discuss goal setting and membership building.

Sacramento GLAAD, founded in April as only the third chapter in California, is being coordinated by Interim Acting Co-chairs Judy Ludwick and Bill Heffner until the membership has been expanded so election of officers can take place early in 1991.

"Our goal is to have 25 to 30 people attend January's meeting, so we can begin to build a dynamic, active membership to keep track of the local press and be prepared to respond quickly and consistently to anti-lesbian and gay remarks," Ludwick noted. "We hope to interest enough people so we can elect officers in February."

GLAAD also will form an Advisory Board of community representatives who are knowledgeable about the history of the lesbian/gay community and the community's interactions with the local press. The Advisory Board will assist GLAAD members in understanding how to deal most effectively with the press.

For more information about how you can become involved in GLAAD, contact Ludwick at 429-2806 or Heffner at 451-0919. ▼

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MGW UNDER the DOME

Needle swap is touchy issue with politicians

by Maria Albin
OF MGW STAFF

FACT: Contaminated needles carrying the AIDS virus are a major source of infection among addicts. FACT: Needle-exchange programs are believed by most public health officials to be an effective way of slowing the spread of the epidemic. FACT: Sacramento's elected state officials either won't get off their "moral" high horses, or they are too scared for their political lives to care about the lives of the people in California.

Recently six prominent health specialists from San Francisco sent an open letter, a plea, to local officials to begin a city-wide program to encourage addicts to exchange

used needles and syringes for sterile ones. San Francisco's city officials are not the problem. Mayor Agnos has supported such a program for months. The S.F. City Health Commission supports it. The State AIDS Advisory Council supports it. Where's the log-jam? At the doors of our lame-duck governor and Senator Quentin Kopp (I-S.F.).

Mayor Agnos has written to Senator Kopp, asking him, for the sake of the lives at stake, to carry legislation making a needle-exchange program legal in California. Kopp has refused on the grounds it's "against his moral standards." So we wait. It is hoped the new administration coming in to the state house will agree to at least a model

program with a limited number of pilot sites. Sacramento's Dr. Neil Flynn has suggested the capitol city as one possible location. San Francisco is certainly willing. Neither candidate for governor has spoken to this issue. The other option, with a change in governors, might be an official nod from the State Dept. of Health Services, which could authorize a program without depending on legislation. In the interim, volunteer AIDS-prevention groups will continue to walk the streets of San Francisco and elsewhere, exchanging needles where they can, trying to save lives of people who generally don't vote, and in the eyes of Sacramento, don't count. ▼

Fundies to fight California rights bill

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

California State Assembly Bill 101, a bill to amend the state's Equal Employment and Housing Act, which would ban discrimination against lesbians and gay men in jobs and housing, was submitted on Monday, Dec. 3. By Thursday, fundamentalist minister Rev. Lou Sheldon, lobbyist for the Traditional Values Coalition, was preparing for "the battle of the decade if not the battle of the century." Sheldon says that the people he represents object to the idea of granting homosexuals, who in their view choose that lifestyle, the same safety from discrimination as those granted to the condition of race. Sheldon is quoted as saying, "I have met former homosexuals but I have never met a former black man."

AB101 carries essentially the same language as AB1 which was authored by then-Assemblymember Art Agnos of San Francisco and

was vetoed by Gov. George Deukmejian each time it was submitted. In a surprise move the bill was introduced by Assemblymember Terry Friedman, (D-Sherman Oaks) while Assembly chambers were closed to the public because of swearing-in ceremonies for new assembly members. Reportedly, as Friedman walked to the clerk at the front of the chambers he was interrupted by 17 of the members who signed on to the bill as sponsors -- including the powerful Speaker of the Assembly, Willie Brown.

Originally, the measure was supposed to be submitted as a "spot" bill, essentially submitted just to "hold the spot" or reserve the place in line for the bill so that it would get the assembly bill number 101 -- thus making the connection with AB 1, in the minds of both the legislators and the public, a little easier. Although the bill was introduced on Monday it was not officially accepted until Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. when the number

101 finally came up. Thus, staff members of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) were surprised that language of the bill was also submitted.

The lobby, which is comprised of bi-partisan and community lesbian and gay organizations throughout California, was scheduled to hold a board meeting in San Jose on Sunday, Dec. 9, at which strategy and language for the submission of the bill was to have been discussed. It was planned that at the meeting public relations strategies would be discussed and the timing for the release of the bill with full bi-partisan support would be planned. LIFE staffers would not or could not discuss the apparent change of strategy. But Rand Martin, former executive director of the lobby and currently a key aide to Friedman said that no further action will be taken on the bill until Jan. 7 when the legislature reconvenes. ▼

Speakers Bureau meeting

Women and men interested in the Speakers Bureau are invited to a meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 15 at the Lambda Center, 1931 L Street.

"We're particularly excited about a 30-week series of one-hour exchanges scheduled with the deputies of the County Sheriff's Department," noted Marghe Covino, RCDC Community Liaison co-chair who is organizing the Speakers Bureau with co-chair Judy Ludwick.

The goals of the group are to 1) identify and train speakers to address the concerns of lesbians and gay men in public forums and classrooms; 2) provide more sensitivity training to law enforcement personnel, and improve relationships between law enforcement and the lesbian/gay community; 3) foster greater understanding between the lesbian/gay and non-gay community; and 4) promote understanding of female/male dynamics within the lesbian/gay community.

For more info contact Covino at 371-3848 or Ludwick at 429-2806. ▼

Vacancy announcements

Sacramento City Council

Interested persons are required to file written notice on forms available in the Office of the CITY CLERK, 915 I St., Rm. 303, Sacramento. Further information may be obtained by telephone at 916-449-8200.

Commission/Committee	Opens	Closes	Type of Member
Housing Code Advisory & Appeals	12-21-90	1-11-91	2 positions (paid)

County of Sacramento

The following committees and commissions have vacancies as listed below. Appointments are made by the Board of Supervisors. Applications are available at all public libraries and the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. For more detailed information, contact the Clerk's office, 440-5411.

Commission/Committee	Opens	Closes	Type of Member
Policy Planning Commission	12-31-90	1-11-91	5 members
Project Planning Commission	12-31-90	1-11-91	5 members
Advisory Board on Drug Programs	Open		2 general public
Affirmative Action Committee	Open		3 citizens
Agricultural Advisory Committee	Open		2 homeowner assoc. reps.
Board of Plumbing Examiners	1-28-91	2-8-91	1 union contractor 1 non-union contractor
Building Board of Appeals	Open		2 members
Child Care Authority Task Force	Open		2 members
County Service Area 4B	12-17-90	12-28-90	1 resident of area
Cosumnes Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open		1 resident of area
Fair Oaks Community Planning Advisory Council	Open		1 resident of area
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Advisory Board	Open		2 members
Mental Health Advisory Board	Open		7 members
Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council	Open		1 resident of area
North Highlands/Foothill Farms Community Planning Advisory Council	Open		4 residents of area
Physically Handicapped Appeals Board	1-28-91	2-8-91	1 Joint City/County General Member
Policy Planning Commission	12-31-90	1-11-91	5 members
Project Planning Commission	12-31-90	1-11-91	5 members
Sac. Metro. Arts Commission	12-17-90	12-28-90	1 practicing artist (5th Dist. nomination)
Southeast Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open		5 residents of area
South Sacramento Community Planning Advisory Council	Open		3 residents of area

by Hal Griffiths
OF MGW STAFF

The secret to success in any job is communication. When any of the media do anything that affects the gay and lesbian lifestyle, be it positive or negative, they need to be informed. The following is a list of actions that have affected us and we need to tell them how we feel. It will only cost you some time, paper and a few stamps, so did it and let those people hear from all of us.

Write On!

Lesbian history

The California State Commission on the Status of Women (CSCSW) is gathering information about how women's organizations will be celebrating Women's History Month 1991. They will highlight activities within each community in a Schedule of Events section of their February newsletter, "California Women." Send them information about lesbian history and contributions to society. Any details of lesbian history events being held during Women's History Month (March) should be sent no later than January 10 to: Pat Towner, executive director, CSCSW, 1303 J St., #400, Sac. 95814-2900.▼

Washington Journalism Review

An article on outing addresses issues of verification, relevance and newsworthiness. The article perpetuates the myth that being called gay is insulting and ignores lesbians. But they're trying!! Let them know more: Jessie Catto, editor, *The Washington Journalism Review*, 2233 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.▼

New Woman

Harriet G. Lerner, Ph.D., writes in her advice column for *New Woman* that a reader concerned that her boyfriend is bisexual. "Many well-adjusted men and women are attracted to both sexes and act on that attraction. Although our culture tends to value and legitimize only heterosexual bonding, this bias is based on prejudice and fear." Dr. Lerner goes on to educate readers about homophobia and heterosexism. Contact her at: *New Woman*, 215 Lexington Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10016.▼

About Time

A special edition "Women: The Road Ahead" deals with the prob-

lems of all women. It includes an insightful article on lesbians. While showing awareness to the special needs and tribulations of women. It also concludes that "for most lesbians ... being gay is a joyful experience." Congratulate *Time Magazine*, Box 624, Radio City Station, N.Y., N.Y. 10020.▼

Stay Tuned

L.A. Law and *The Trials of Rosie O'Neill* recently handled the gay/AIDS issues with compassion and sensitivity. They also did some straightforward AIDS education. Send kudos to: David Kelly, executive producer *L.A. Law*/20th Television Corp., Box 900, Beverly Hills, 90213. Barney Rosensweig, executive producer *The Trials of Rosie O'Neill*, Rosensweig Productions, 130 S. Hewitt St., L.A. 90036. Copy Barney's to: Jeff Sagansky, president, CBS, 7800 Beverly Blvd., L.A. 90036.▼

Write Off

Easy as Dialing Home

When AT&T asks you to return to the fold, tell them you will when you get in writing that they will establish a national anti-discrimination policy regarding lesbians and gays. Nicely remind them that the reason you left was that AT&T sought to invalidate San Francisco's Gay Rights Ordinance.▼

Newsweek

The 11/5 issue of *Newsweek's* public forum column, "My Turn," was written by Eric Zorn asking us to "Please return the word gay." He offers us the term FABULOUS since he can't "really use it without sounding ... silly." Let the editors know that you are not amused: *Newsweek*, 444 Madison Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10022.▼

Food for Thought

The AFA (again) and Christian Leaders for Responsible Television (CLaR-TV) threatened Burger King with a boycott, so they ran an ad supporting "traditional family values on TV." Remind them that sometimes you've got to break the "rules" ... Barry Gibbons, CEO, Burger King Corp., 17777 Old Cutler Rd., Miami, FL 33175. Send a copy to their parent corporation: Ian A. Martin, chairman, Grand Metropolitan, Inc., 100 Paragon Dr., Montvale, NJ 07645.▼

Tune Out

Thanksgiving Day with Mary Tyler Moore had a lesbian couple that were humorless and unlikable, and those were their good qualities. One finally left the relationship to live with a man, of course. Send an example of real life to: Steve Zacharias and Jeff Buhai, c/o Martin Bauer, Bauer Benedek, 9255 Sunset Blvd., #716, L.A. 90069; and copy to Warren Littlefield, president, NBC Entertainment, 3000 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank, 91523.

KGO-TV (Channel 7 in the Bay Area) aired a report on hate crimes which omitted any reference to lesbian and gays, despite studies that indicate that gays are most frequently attacked. A stunning and negligent omission. Inform: Milt Weiss, news director, KGO-TV 7, 900 Front St., S.F. 94111.

Geraldo ignored the gay bashing on a show about hate crimes on campuses. The reason we're attacked is because no one cares if we are. So tell Geraldo not to ignore us and we won't switch to Sally: Geraldo Rivera, Investigators New Group, 311 W. 43rd St., PH, N.Y., N.Y. 10036.▼

People in Glass Houses

In a lengthy press release praising a recent issue of *Time Magazine*, GLAAD asks that you send letters of support. "But you might want to question the wisdom of assigning a man to write on lesbians." The editors of *Time* obviously knew what they were doing in the assignment, since the praise by GLAAD included crediting the writer, William A. Henry III, with seeing and reporting many of the myths about lesbians. Sexist discrimination is the same, no matter where or who it comes from. Remind GLAAD, 347 Dolores St., #312, S.F. 94110.▼

Nothing Funny

Comedian Gallagher's agent says he hates gays and lesbians and, although complaints sparked by GLAAD convinced him to remove offensive material, he will not apologize and may return the material to his act if he receives more complaints. It seems to be a very cavalier attitude for someone who bases his act on smashing fruit. Since this alleged person cannot be reasoned with, it is simply better to boycott any and all of his performances. You might inform any of his sponsors for concerts and TV appearances, his video tape producers and the cable networks.▼

Local march for peace

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

An unusual mix of protesters marched at the State Capitol last week demonstrating against the U.S. sending troops to Saudi Arabia. Despite rumors that State Police would not issue permits for the group to demonstrate at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial because of protests by veterans' organizations and that the situation was "too volatile" the march did indeed take place -- but not at the Memorial. Students from U.C. Davis and California State University at Sacramento and students from other campuses, forming Students Against War in the Middle East, were joined by the United Bay Area Veterans Against War in the Middle East, the Ad-Hoc Committee for Peace and ACT UP on the east steps of the Capitol to chant anti-war slogans, hear music and speeches in a scene reminiscent of the Vietnam era '60s.

Flags and signs were unfurled with "38 lives to the gallon," "Go to foreign lands to do the unnecessary for the ungrateful," and "No body bags for oil" slogans given great prominence. Protesters chanted against heads of state, "No Bush, No Hussein, We won't die for corporate gain," against news media A.P., U.P.I., slanted news, lie lie lie" and oil companies, "Oh, Oh, what's that smell? Rotting bodies dying for Shell." The old "Hell, no. We won't go" slogan got an added line with, "We won't die for Texaco."

Dogs and children ran through the

crowd as speakers and poets exhorted the enthusiastic crowd. "The United States is spending \$83 million a day on Desert Shield and only \$2 million on AIDS," one speaker said. "War is good business," said another, "they want you to invest your son."

Keynote speaker, Stan Long, 40, Vietnam veteran, recipient of the Silver Star and seven Purple Hearts, and current teacher of Vietnam history said, "The United States spends more in five hours on defense than in five years on health care. Insurance companies and medical research refuse to pay for promising experimental drugs for AIDS treatment -- people of color and women are systematically excluded from drug trials -- this is genocide. Health officials and educators are more concerned with teaching morality than teaching safer sex -- this is hypocrisy."

A walk through the crowd revealed that a cross section of society was represented. People of color, old, young, students, rich and poor were united in their common cause. A folk singer, poets and an open-mike session was followed by members of the crowd dancing to the music of the band, "It's Not What You Think." Announcements for workshops and follow-up activities indicate that participants are preparing for the long haul. And all are citing the lessons learned in Vietnam. As one participant paraphrased, "If we refuse to learn from the mistakes of the past -- we'll be doomed to repeat them."▼

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Tennis editor Women win big supports Navratilova across the nation

An article refuting the claim of Margaret Court, a former women's tennis tour player, that Martina Navratilova's homosexuality makes her a poor role model for younger players appeared in the October issue of *Tennis* magazine.

Assistant editor Cindy Hahn states that although Martina's lifestyle may not be all right with some, you'd be hard pressed to find a woman who is a better model of determination, strength of character, and success.

You can write Ms. Hahn and thank her for the supportive article at *Tennis*, Box 399, Trumbull, CT, 06611-0395.▼

In an historic day for women, the number of women candidates reached new heights and women voters determined the outcome of key races across the United States. In the very first public vote on parental notification for abortion, abortion rights advocates emerged victorious to soundly defeat Measure 10 in Oregon.

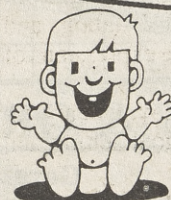
"These elections will go down in history as a turning point for the power of women candidates, women's votes, and abortion in electoral politics," proclaimed Eleanor Smeal, president of Fund for the Feminist Majority. Over 2000 women ran for state legislative offices, 80 sought statewide

seats, and close to 70 aimed for Congress.

Significant gender gaps determined the win for many candidates including Ann Richards for governor of Texas, Paul Wellstone's defeat of incumbent senator Rudy Boschwitz, and the upset win of Joan Finney over incumbent Kansas Mike Hayden.

"Even though these wins are momentous we won't be complacent," concluded Smeal. "Women are still only 5 percent of Congress and under 20 percent of state legislators. Electoral and party rules changes are the next step for the feminization of power."▼

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UC students support domestic partners

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Seventy-five gay and lesbian students faculty and staff from nine University of California campuses held a series of workshops and meetings at the U.C. Davis campus on Nov. 17 and 18. During those meetings the students were joined by representatives of gay and lesbian groups from Stanford University and the state university system. As part of their agenda the group heard a working draft of a resolution from the U.C. Student Association which, if passed, will go to the U.C. Regents supporting a domestic partners policy in U.C. campus housing.

The draft document, formulated by the Student Life and Concerns Committee of the U.C. Student Association, notes the U.C. non-discrimination policy adopted in 1983 which states, in part, that "the University of California does not discriminate in any of its policies, procedures, or practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation,.... or marital status...." The draft further notes there have been documented cases of students having been denied family student housing on the basis of sexual orientation and/or marital status. It further notes the domestic partnership laws in five California cities, Berkeley, Santa Cruz, West Hollywood, Laguna

Beach and San Francisco and that three of those cities house U.C. campuses.

The draft further cites that Stanford University, Harvard, Miami University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brown, Columbia University, New York University Law School, and the Universities of Oregon and North Dakota already have domestic partnership policies with regard to student housing. The U.C. Student Association represents 18 student governments on the nine U.C. campuses and is the voice of 155,000 U.C. students. The draft recommendation is that the U.C. Board of Regents adopt the following policy statement:

"A student of the University of California and his or her domestic partner will be eligible for family student housing, if they are married or in a long-term domestic partnership with an exclusive mutual commitment similar to that of marriage in that the student and his or her domestic partner share the necessities of life and responsibility for their common welfare."

The U.C. Student Association in their action plan will join forces with the gay/lesbian groups on each campus to further the issue.

However, gay and lesbian students also heard from the Stanford students that getting domestic partners rights are one thing but living in the situation is something else again. According to the Stanford group,

couples in their university housing are experiencing a hetero-sexist backlash.

The group also heard from Donna Yutzy, Executive Director of the U.C. Student Association, who was their keynote speaker. She spoke to them about gays and lesbians from a historic perspective and how that translates to the present day. "Gays and lesbians in all cultures have led the way to the transformation of societies," she said. "I want to quote Judy Grahn, who said, 'Gay culture acts as a buffer and a medium between clashing worlds and helps affect the transitions of power and knowledge.'" She told them that as new leaders they need to move forward, "be visible, be powerful, educate, be shoulder-to-shoulder with other groups, find and/or establish groups in the communities where you are....," she said.

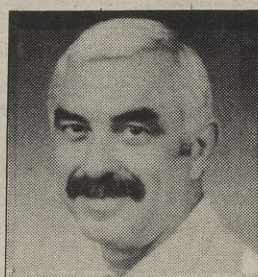
In the last four or five years gay and lesbian groups have been springing up on campuses throughout the system. However, the students expressed anger about gay and lesbian faculty who are frightened to come out; they (the students) expressed frustration about the lack of gay and lesbian studies programs (only found on the Davis and Berkeley campuses) and stated that gay and lesbian faculty won't help to get such programs established. They noted that in the entire U.C. system only Santa Cruz has a full-fledged gay and lesbian center. The group resolved that one of their

goals would be a gay and lesbian center for each campus.

Students also expressed that they feel isolated from and ignored by the gay and lesbian leadership in their campus communities. They noted that often local leaders forget that students do not have access to adult meeting places and events because of their age. Yutzy noted that for local events and issues the students are "an untapped resource." However, she urged the students to be powerful and go out and make the contacts with local leaders rather than being passive.

The group resolved to go back to their campuses and to develop educational programs on what it means to be gay or lesbian. They will prepare for their April meeting which will take place at U.C. Santa Cruz and will seek community support for that meeting. The outline for major workshops include: Separatism -- Lesbians and People of Color; with sub-groupings dealing with Separation/Segregation/Discrimination; and Bi-sexuality. After the April meeting, the students plan to present a domestic partners resolution to the U.C. Regents in May and resolved that whatever spousal benefits are granted on each campus shall also apply equally to domestic partnerships.

Yutzy said, "It was an empowering, productive series of meetings. These are our future leaders -- and they are wonderful!"



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Annual AmFAR gala set

Elizabeth Taylor and Bill Cosby were among the celebrities at the Second Annual "Masquerade," a gala fundraising event to benefit the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR).

The event took place on November 30, the eve of World AIDS Day, in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, in New York City.

Taylor, AmFAR's Founding National Chairman, paid special tribute to her late friend, Malcolm Forbes.

Forbes was chairman of last year's "Masquerade," which raised \$2.8 million to fund urgently needed AIDS research and education projects.

Bill Cosby served as Master of Ceremonies, and special awards were presented to:

Dr. Samuel Broder, Director of National Cancer Institute for his aggressive leadership in developing new treatments for AIDS/HIV.

Senators Ted Kennedy and Orrin Hatch, for their bi-partisan, unwav-

ering support of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Bill of 1990.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, for its historic sponsorship of expanded access programs for experimental AIDS/HIV drugs.

December 1 was declared World AIDS Day by the United Nations in 1987. This year the theme is "Women and AIDS," and special observances are scheduled in more than 150 countries.

Black leaders discuss lesbian/gay issues

On September 15, a group of black leaders met at The King Center in Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss placing black lesbian/gay concerns on the agendas of major black institutions.

Discussion centered on lesbian/gay rights, historical contributions of black lesbians and gays to black history and the black liberation struggle, and the resources black lesbians and gay men can bring to current concerns of black communities.

The group of black leaders agreed recognition and utilization of the talents and expertise of black lesbians and gay men by traditional black institutions needs to be a priority. Research indicates at least 10 percent of any population is lesbian/gay. "The black community is not in a position where it can afford to turn down that kind of increase of human and financial resources," stated attendee Dr. Marjorie Hill,

director of the Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community for the Mayor of New York City.

"Most black lesbians and gay believe traditional black institutions are closed to them," said Sabrina Sojourner, one of the meeting's conveners. "Part of the purpose of this meeting was to explore the extent to which this might be true and to begin a dialogue to bring about inclusion."

The group will spend the next few months encouraging other black civil rights organizations to issue anti-discrimination policies and statements which include sexual orientation.

The group also agreed to: develop organizational specific programs to sensitize staff, board and constituency to lesbian/gay issues; review existing programs and public agendas to include lesbian/gay concerns; actively recruit openly lesbian/gay individuals to membership, staff and board positions; encourage increased visibility of current staff, board and constituency members who are openly lesbian or gay; and include lesbian/gay concerns in organizational conferences and meetings.

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by Sonya Cox
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DDI: Smoking and drinking?...

Researchers this month reported they've found evidence that nicotine can induce chronic pancreatic damage in animals, which may explain why large numbers of smokers develop chronic pancreatitis. Scientists have known all along that alcohol is a factor in about 90 percent of pancreatitis cases, but if a drinker ALSO smokes one or more packs a day, the risk increases nine-fold! Bear this in mind if you're in the growing group taking DDI, which also can cause problems with the pancreas in some people. You may want to make an EXTRA effort to give up smoking and heavy drinking if you're on DDI, or getting into your second or third year of AZT and may in the future be switching to DDI if you become intolerant to AZT.

Chronic fatigue syndrome...

San Francisco researchers have devised a lab test that hopefully will be able to identify chronic fatigue syndrome, often hard to diagnose because it can mimic side effects of other diseases. Symptoms also because it can mimic side effects of other diseases. Symptoms also include swollen lymph nodes, persistent fever, joint and muscle pain, headaches, depression, and memory loss. Throughout its checkered past, numerous causes and treatments have been suggested for this syndrome. Most believe it's caused by a separate, yet-unidentified virus that attacks immune cells much the same way HIV does. Viruses already studied and dismissed as the possible cause include cytomegalovirus, Epstein-Barr and other herpes viruses. Antiviral drug treatments being studied include ampicillin, intravenous gamma globulin, acyclovir, and fluconazole, the \$9-a-pill drug current being used by PWAs with persistent fungal infections. Non-medical treatment includes elimination of sugar, alcohol, fruit juice dried fruits, perfumes and colognes, and taking multiple vitamins with

extra vitamin C and B12.

AIDS expert quits committee...

Dr. Neil Flynn, who oversees the care of over 650 people in Sacramento with HIV through the UC Med Center and CARES, resigned last week in frustration from the County Advisory Committee on AIDS. Flynn says he was angered by both the county's slowness in dealing with the disease and the fact that a separate AIDS task force has been appointed to provide essentially the same information, which goes through the County Health Council and then to the Board of Supervisors. The duplication has tremendously weakened the Advisory Committee's efforts, said Flynn. Additionally, one of their key recommendations -- backing a pilot needle-exchange in the city -- died before it got to the Board of Supervisors.

Folsom Prison blues...

The wife of an inmate who died in Folsom Prison of HIV recently told a state legislative hearing she had tried for months to get medical help for him, but had been told that he was either faking or suffering from depression.

Another incident may have grave consequences...

John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore is sending letters offering free AIDS tests to nearly 2000 people operated on by a physician who recently died of AIDS. The letter explains that the possibility of their having contracted HIV from him is extremely remote, but they want to offer counseling and testing to his former patients. The physician resigned from the hospital June 30 without revealing that he was infected; his diagnosis was confirmed by his attorney after his recent death. The physician's attorney said the disease was apparently transmitted to the physician about seven years ago when he was allegedly squirted in the eyes and mouth with blood from an AIDS patient he was operating on. No report of this accident, however, was apparently prepared at the time the incident is said to

have taken place. Unfortunately, this explanation for how the physician could have become positive, together with the recent charge by a woman that she could only have become positive from her dentist, have caused the Centers for Disease Control to take under consideration the question of whether or not it is safe for the population as a whole to be operated on by medical professionals who have the virus.

Congress takes a stand...

More than two dozen members of Congress recently signed a letter sponsored by Barbara Boxer of San Francisco urging the Food and Drug Administration to rush their review of DDC and DDI, which are showing early promise of slowing the progress of AIDS. Preliminary studies are showing that DDC and DDI may have an acceptably low level of side effects when used appropriately for people who cannot tolerate AZT, the only currently approved drug that directly fights the AIDS virus. FDA officials say DDI and DDC are already available through "expanded access" experimental programs and their job is to make sure that all released drugs have been thoroughly tested for safety and effectiveness. FDA approval means that the drugs can be used without conditions; now, for example, they can be taken only if a person has completely failed AZT and has an extremely low T-cell count. After FDA approval, physicians can suggest such regimens as alternating AZT with DDI or DDC if they feel this is best; they can only use one or the other now. Officials approval also means insurance companies will pay for the medications, which presently are still on the expensive side when purchased through buyers clubs (about \$25 for a month's supply). Unfortunately, this is something that can't be counted on if the drugs continue to show their value.

Thanks to Dr. Bary Siegel for his medical oversight of this column, and to Dr. Elizabeth Harrison for her contributions to its contents.▼

Program launched for doctors with HIV

With the threat of discrimination against HIV-infected medical professional, the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) has announced the formation of a national program to assist doctors infected with HIV. The program will be directed by noted AIDS Civil Rights Attorney Benjamin Schatz. The programs will have two main goals: advocacy of sound, non-hysterical policy and providing of counseling, retraining and replacement services to physicians unable to work in their fields.

"How society deals with infected health care workers has a major

impact on every American with HIV disease," said Schatz. He went on "If physicians can lose their jobs by becoming infected, they have more incentive to shun infected patients."

Yale University biology professor Alvin Novick, M.D. and California psychiatrist Audrey Mertz, M.D. are co-chairs of the AAPHR committee. "We have receiving an increasing number of calls from physicians who have lost their jobs because they are infected with HIV," stated Mertz. "It is vitally important that we employ all reasonable means possible to enable them to continue to serve the public."

The issue of HIV-infected health care workers has been controversial since the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released a report detailing the possible HIV transmission from an infected dentist to a patient. The CDC noted there was no conclusive evidence of transmission, however, the publicity about the case has led some to call for restrictions on HIV healthcare professionals to continue working. The CDC is expected to propose new guidelines in a few weeks.

For further information contact: Benjamin Schatz, c/o AAPHR, 2940 16th Street, #105, San Francisco, CA 94103, 415-864-0408.▼

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Soviet Union on the brink of AIDS epidemic

by Raoul Anthony Renaud
OF MGW STAFF

According to a report published in the November, 1990 issue of Soviet Life magazine, the AIDS epidemic is just beginning to reach the Soviet Union, but chances are that its spread will be even more rapid than seen in other countries.

According to the report, as of last May there were 482 reported cases of HIV infection in the Soviet Union. More than half of those are children. That number is expected to grow to 90,000 by 1993.

While in other countries the virus has been spread mainly through unsafe sexual practices and shared

needles, in the Soviet Union you are much more likely to contract the HIV virus in a hospital or clinic than anywhere else. This is because of a shortage of disposable syringes and other equipment. Syringes that have been reused without proper sterilization are the chief culprit.

It is almost impossible to obtain condoms in the Soviet Union, so that sexual contact between heterosexuals has been identified as the second most frequent means of transmitting the virus.

Seldom-enforced Soviet laws criminalize homosexual activity. Only recently have anonymous HIV tests become available in many cities.

A staggering 50,000,000 Soviet citizens have thus far been tested.

Progress has been made to protect the rights of HIV-infected persons. The AIDS Prevention and Treatment Law, passed in May, 1990, guarantees medical confidentiality, provides free transportation to the hospital for patients not living near one, and prohibits discrimination in employment and education against infected persons.

Because AIDS has come later to the Soviet Union than to other countries, Soviet scientists are hopeful that it can be controlled. And the Soviet medical community is participating in the worldwide search for a cure. ▼

Trudeau to sell original cartoon strips for AIDS

Beginning Tuesday, December 4, 58 of Garry Trudeau's original Andy Lippincott cartoon strips will be on sale at the Braunstein/Quay Gallery in San Francisco to benefit the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

The show, entitled "God Only Knows: The Andy Lippincott Drawings," includes 54 daily and four Sunday comic strips featuring Andy Lippincott, the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, and Trudeau's running commentary about the AIDS

epidemic. The strips will be sold at the Braunstein/Quay Gallery December 4-29 to raise money for the ongoing display and preservation of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. The daily comic strips will sell for \$600, the Sunday comic strips for \$1,200. Five daily strips including Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys will sell for \$900 each. All of the black and white drawings are the original cartoon strips created by Garry Trudeau.

The NAMES Project Foundation is hosting a private opening and reception on Tuesday, December 4 at 5:30pm. Garry Trudeau will attend, and Brian Wilson will perform *God Only Knows* and *Love and Mercy*, as well as several songs from his new album. Brian Wilson offered to perform for the opening in honor of Andy Lippincott and his repeated idolization of Brian and the Beach Boys. For information call 415-863-5511. ▼

MGW FINANCE

The IRA Movement

by Jonathan Thatcher
OF MGW STAFF

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) can be very confusing. Are they tax deductible for me, what can I invest, and do I lose the money until I am 59 1/2?

IRA's are fully deductible for a non-participant, married couples with an adjusted gross income (AGI) under \$40,000, and a single person with an AGI of under \$20,000. They are partially deductible for married couples with an AGI between \$40,000 to \$49,000, and single persons with an AGI between \$25,000 to \$34,999 per year. Also IRA's if held through a bank, are insured up to \$100,000 separate from other liquid assets held in the same institution.

IRA's may be invested in four ways: variable rate, fixed rate, money

market, or securities. Variable rate is set for a certain period of time and the rate fluctuates according to some base rate such as a Treasury Bill auction rate. Fixed rates guarantee a set interest rate over a fixed period of time. Money Market offers the investor liquidity and no maturity dates. You may also invest in instruments like mutual funds, corporate stocks, GNMA's, Zero Coupon Bonds, or U.S. T-bills, Notes, or Bonds.

If you receive a lump sum distribution from retirement termination, or some other route remember that you have only 60 days from the date of receipt of the check to roll it over into a qualified plan without suffering penalties.

Always consult a professional to evaluate your individual financial needs and goals to tailor a plan to yourself. ▼

International newsclips

by John Hubert
GUEST WRITER

India...

New Delhi, India is the home of a new gay group which is meeting now on a regular basis. They also welcome correspondence from around the world. Write to them at Box 7032, Srinivas Puri, New Delhi 110 065, India. ▼

Lambda Poland...

The group Lambda of Warsaw was recently legally registered as the national organization of Polish lesbians/gays. For more information or to offer support, write to Stowarzyszenie Grup Lambda, Al. Jerozolimskie 27 (II Pietro), Warszawa 00-508, Poland. They would appreciate receiving printed materials such as newsletters and gay newspapers for their library. ▼

Arabic Society...

The Gay and Lesbian Arabic Society (GLAS) has published their third newsletter and established their third affiliated group. There are now groups in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C. The L.A. group would like to hear from you. The address is GLAS-LA, 6019 Sunset Blvd. #221, L.A., CA 90028.

GLAS participated in the 2nd Annual Arab AIDS Conference in Cairo last March. To become a member of GLAS, open to Arabs and friends, send \$10 subscription/membership fee to GLAS-DC, Box 4971, Washington, D.C. 20008. ▼

Latin lesbians...

Puerto Rico has been chosen to host the 3rd Latin American/Caribbean Lesbian Encuentro in 1992. For more information write to ILIS, c/o COC, Rozenstraat 8, 1016 NX Amsterdam, The Netherlands. ▼

ILIS newsletter...

The summer 1990 ILIS Newsletter (International Lesbian Information Service), features news on the upcoming Asian Lesbian conference to be held in Thailand in December. The ILIS newsletter is available for a yearly \$15 fee (four issues), which includes full membership to ILIS. Send an international money order to the above mentioned Netherlands address. ▼

Guatemala has new publication...

Comunidad "G" is the name of the new gay publication in Guatemala City. To get a copy, send a donation to Comunidad "G", 4a. Avenida 327, Zona 1, Guatemala, Guatemala, C.A. ▼

Russian lesbian/gay paper...

Tema, the Russian newsletter for gays/lesbians sells out almost as fast as it is printed. 10,000 copies are sold in Moscow, Leningrad, and Riga after each printing. "Tema" is Russian slang for "being in the theme." Tema is produced by the Moscow Union of Lesbians and Gay Men (MULGM). They can be contacted c/o Kalinin Roman U.I, Do Vostrebavania, SU-103009 Moscow K-9, U.S.S.R. ▼

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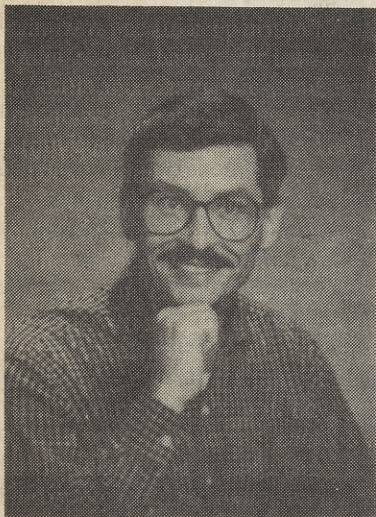
Monica Vail Hermans of Denver, Colorado, died after a long bout with AIDS, which she contracted through a blood transfusion.

Mrs. Herman was born in Hollywood in 1948, attended schools in Southern California, and was a honor graduate of Polytechnic High School at the age of 15. She later went on to receive degrees in foreign languages, theater arts and nursing. For the past nine years she worked as a nurse in Denver.

She is survived by a husband and son in Denver, and grandparents in Woodland.▼

Keith Coppin

Keith Coppin died in San Francisco November 28. He is survived by his mother, sister, and many friends. Contributions to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation are preferred.▼



Geoffery Scott Palmer

Geoffery Scott Palmer, life partner of David Pritchett, died in Sacramento, November 17, of AIDS; he was 37. Beloved son of Robert R. and Alice Palmer, loving brother of Susie Brumbalow, Robert R., Mitchell and Curtis Palmer, and Laurie Ledbetter. Adored grandson of Harriet Palmer. Devoted uncle of numerous nieces and nephews.

Born in El Paso, Texas, Geoffery worked as a loan officer for Sacramento Savings and Loan. He loved gardening and special times spent with David wandering along the coast, relaxing in the mountains, or at home with their "babies" Smidgin and Babs.

Dearly loved by many, Geoffery was always concerned with the well being of others. Even when in the final stages of his disease, he never demanded anything for himself, but rather would do whatever he could to help a friend.▼

Jim Foster

Jim Foster, a close advisor to San Francisco mayors George Moscone, Dianne Feinstein and Art Agnos, died at this home of complications resulting from AIDS. He was 55.

In 1964, Mr. Foster founded the Society for Individual Rights, the first gay group to successfully press local politicians for support of homosexual rights.

In 1972, he became the first openly gay person to address a national political gathering when he spoke at the Democratic National Convention in Miami.

He is survived by his brother Robert Foster of Los Angeles and a family of caring friends.▼



Charlene Elaine Fowler

Charlene Elaine Fowler died at home in Guerneville, October 26. Beloved daughter of Ethan "Papa Gee" Halsey and the late Frankie Halsey of Sacramento. Charlene is survived by her lover Peg Winchiemer and many other loving friends in Sacramento and Sonoma counties.

Born in England and raised in Stockton, Charlene was one of the first women deputy sheriffs for Sacramento County, appointed in 1969. She became a member of the State Bar in 1974 and practiced law and real estate in Sacramento until 1982 when she relocated to the Russian River area.

She was a charter member of River City Business Association and a partner in several Sacramento area food and beverage establishments. Charlene organized and held the first "Food for Thought: AIDS benefiting charity" at her "Hacienda" resort in Guerneville in 1989. She was active in social charities and held several Women's Weekend in the Russian River Resort. Her tenacity, good humor and gracious spirit will be remembered and missed.▼

Craig Russell

Craig Russell, actor and female impersonator, died in Toronto Western Hospital, of a stroke resulting from AIDS. He was 42.

Mr. Russell began his performing career in Toronto, where he was born. He became an international box office success with the 1977 semi-autobiographical movie "Outrageous" in which he performed many of his impersonations, including that of his idol, Mae West.▼

Daryl L. Goldstucker

Born in Lubbock, Texas, May 21, 1954; graduated from the University of Texas, Austin with a B.S. in advertising, 1975. Daryl was employed with American Airlines for 13 years, the last five as an area sales manager in Sacramento.

Daryl leaves his partner in life Glen Taber of Oakland, mother Ernestine Goldstucker of Lubbock, brother Mark Goldstucker of Dallas, sister Donna Mark of Houston, and four nieces and nephews.

Traveling and socializing were Daryl's greatest joys in life. He built close friendships professionally and personally throughout the world. Daryl possessed a unique spirituality. He was a deep thinker, gifted conversationalist, and prodigious writer.

We say goodbye to this dear, sweet soul with an adaptation of his own words:

"Tears of sadness for missing Daryl, but smiles and joy for all of the fond memories. May each of us grow and make the most of our lives. Rest peacefully Daryl and ascend to your highest good."▼



William (Bill) Clark Elston

Bill Elston, 40, passed away in Sacramento on November 18, following a 31-month battle with AIDS. He was preceded in death by his partner in life, Stephen Winterrowd, who passed away in 1987. Bill was the owner of Novus Home Repair prior to his retirement in 1988. A native of the state of Washington, he was a resident of California for many years, moving to Sacramento from Guerneville with Stephen in 1984. For the past 19 months he was a resident of Pleasant Grove, Sutter County, where he lived with Pete Pavey and Tony Miller. Friends gathered in Pleasant Grove on Sunday, November 25, to remember Bill and to plant trees as living memorials to this kind and gentle man who brought smiles to so many faces.▼

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New school for young and gay activists

by Carrie Wofford
OF MGW STAFF

For young lesbians, gay men and bisexual women and men, school can mean a time of ostracism, invisibility, and harassment. Our history, literature, and human sexuality books often completely exclude any mention of homosexuality. Our peers rarely accept or understand our sexual orientation. And our teachers and counselors may repeat the negative messages we are likely to hear at home.

The New Pacific Academy for Lesbian and Gay Community Service and Activism (NPA) opened its doors to 100 queer activists from across the country. Selected for their involvement in gay and lesbian community advocacy or assistance, the young people (aged 18 to 30) spent a grueling month meeting day and night, seven days a week, to share ideas of how to contribute as young leaders to their home communities.

The makeup of the pioneer class was of key importance to the organizers. They attempted to achieve a racial parity of 50 percent people of color, and a gender parity of 50 percent women.

Future multi-cultural gatherings need to take into account that different cultures have different attitudes toward homosexuality, and that young gay and lesbian people of color are facing much more discrimination and threat of ostracism by coming out as lesbian or gay. Any multi-cultural conference should recognize that gay "leadership" takes many forms, and is valuable throughout all communities.

Participants brought very different backgrounds in gay and lesbian organizing. A broad spectrum of activist styles were also present --

from civil disobedience in the streets to lobbying government organization and institutions, to working within those institutions. Belief systems ranged from radical faerie living to lesbian separatism, and from advocacy of Marxist Socialism to adherence to capitalism.

Certainly, in future attempts to engage and mobilize young "future leaders," organizers of any sexuality should heed the failings of the New Pacific Academy. Community organizers need to keep in mind that young people have their own visions, skills and experiences, and need time to share those visions and learn from each others' skills and experiences. Additionally, by denying young people a role in the creation of their own program and vision, they may lose a sense of empowerment, and the program may lose the ability to interest them.

However, one clear success is that young people -- even in the face of an obstructive program -- will develop networks, challenge each other, and challenge a structure which they find oppressive and exclusive. The young people at New Pacific Academy did substitute what the program lacked: in free time, they taught each other fundraising skills and picketing skills; when they disagreed with each most spoke up; and when some disagree with program coordinators, most came together in solidarity to challenge the program.

Perhaps the main success of the program lies in the unprecedented nationwide political and personal network students were able to create. Additionally, all students were forced to at least acknowledge or more directly confront the presence of prejudice and bigotry in the movement.▼

Martin, Lyon receive ACLU honors

On Sunday, December 9, Del Martin (left) and Phyllis Lyon received the Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award. The ceremony was part of the 15th Annual Bill of Rights Celebration in San Francisco. Martin and Lyon, are the founding members of Sisters of Bilitus, an international lesbian organization. They join such award recipients as Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme Court, singer/activist Joan Baez, Rose Bird, Cruz Reynoso, and Rosa Parks, who sparked the Montgomery, Alabama bus moverment

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Home for the holidays: Which parents do we visit?! Or do we go to Mexico?

by David E. Kemp, Ph.D.
OF MGW STAFF

As a psychotherapist, my feelings about the Christmas season are neatly summed up by this item from a well-known intelligence test:

The item states: "What's wrong with this story?" "Railway officials have discovered that in train accidents the last cars are the most heavily damaged. So they have decided to remove the last cars."

There are at least two problems with the Christmas season. First, psychologists who probably are otherwise perfectly reasonable persons develop a strange compulsion to "communicate," and fill the airways and newspapers with advice on "How to Avoid Xmas Stress." Like cotton candy at the fair, this advice is irresistible, yet vaguely unsatisfying.

Which brings us to the second problem: There is no way to avoid Christmas stress! It is even worse than the railway cars; presumably, you could eliminate enough "last cars" until there was no train. Christmas, on the other hand, is so deeply and unalterably embedded in our culture that it will not go away, even if you beat it with a stick. Oh, sure, go to Mexico for the "holidays;" no matter, for you will not be able to escape your awareness that you are going there "instead of."

And Christmas is an intensified, hyped-up microcosm of daily American life: It's great if you have all your ducks in a row (especially your \$\$ ducks); but falter a bit, and you've got big "trubs." Plus, there's the "Oughtabe Phenomenon." The hopes, dreams, promises, and expectations of the holiday act like a big magnifying glass, making imperfections far more visible than one might prefer.

Nothing epitomizes this more sharply than "going home," which is where of course, you're supposed to be, and where everyone has a Oughtabe script. That script is 10 pages long, illustrated by Currier & Ives woodcuts, and written in an invisible ink which is slowly made visible by the fumes emitted by the turkey and the TV football games. To each actor, that script is self-evidently true; alas, everyone's script is slightly different.

So there you are: You have finally agreed to accompany your lover home for the holidays. The Brother-in-law has just told his second homophobic joke. The Father is drinking and becoming nastier by the minute. The Mother is attempting to pretend nothing is happening. What will you do?

The answer: Always do only what you want to do; never do anything you don't want to do.

This is a very, very tall order, extraordinarily hard to execute. It's an ideal, of the highest moral persuasion, and therefore you won't be able to attain it as often as you might like, especially since the "World" often intervenes. The IRS, for example, does not recognize it as a valid reason for not filing. But that's all the more reason for doing it as often as you can, to make up for those many times when you cannot.

It's a two-step process, and the first step is, like all first steps, the toughest: find out what you really want to do. That's especially hard during the holidays, because of the drastic intensification of what usually prevents us from knowing what we want: the "Oughts, Shoulds, and Be Reasonables."

So, Step 1: ascertaining what you truly, really want to do. I expect that many will need some time apart to do that, a time of quiet to take inventory. Some will find the proverbial paper and pencil helpful; but whatever it takes, your target is this: "The heart has reason that reason knows not." What you want to do does not have to "make sense."

And, by the way, a sense of family duty and obligation is as valid an ingredient of what you want to do as anything else might be. Granted, Baja might be

"easier," but you may have noticed that we humans do not always choose "easier," for good reason. Sometimes "harder" is more "fun;" why else would those nut-cases climb Mt. Everest? Which brings us to Step 2:

Step 2: Do it. Really, really do it, with full-bore commitment. For what causes discontent is "the wobble of indecision," the half-way solution, the being only half there, the "compromise." If you go home, there you are -- you have made a

choice, rob ourselves of our greatest strengths. So, here is my advice about advice: as the Buddha said, "Just don't do something; stand there." Spend some time just reflecting, contemplating, gathering wool. One of the best ways of doing this is simply to contemplate symbols, icons, pictures; the record of past wisdom.

First: Santa Claus. Yes, Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas, he of the red suit, the elves, and the power to know who's been naughty or nice. Who the heck is he, and how did he get here? Well, of course: he is the symbol of the male ideal: the kindly, twinkling, caretaking, good-humored, "good" male; the ... well, let's say it, the patriarch. Now, I am perfectly aware that many of us do not have pleasant associations to such a concept; in fact, I now that an unseemly number of us have been, simply put, mistreated by those guys. Still, consider this: He is a symbol of an ideal. Not the way things are, but the way we dream of them being, what we're working toward achieving. And, like all symbols, we have created him from within ourselves. That is, we, no matter our gender, have within us the traits we give to Santa Claus. You don't have to be male to show a "kindly, twinkling, care-

cold. Here in the Valley, we are ordinarily locked in cold, damp fog; and it's dang depressing.

Bringing in an ever-green is, and always has been an enactment of our faith that things will get better, that Mother Earth will awaken, and warm us once more. In our modern lives, so remote from nature, so head-trippy, so preoccupied with things outside us, the Christmas Tree reminds us that there is still the world in which the trees live on.

Persephone, the Greek goddess, is yet another symbol of much the same events. Her comings and goings explain the cycle of winter: Raped and abducted by her brothers, Hades, she is doomed to spend forever in the dark underworld, leaving the world to suffer under never-ending winter, until she strikes a sharp deal with Hades and is allowed to return for six months each year, bringing spring back with her. Her solution is inspirational. We must all strike some sort of deal with Evil and hard times, but, deal done, we can come back to spring. We have forgotten that humans were once not so certain that winter would end; yet we will never forget that sometimes we feel like the pain will never end.

The reason you can't kill Christ-

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choice which rules out other choices, and it makes no difference how you think about it, except to you: a lack of commitment to your own choices will just simply leave you in a fog.

If you have discovered what you want to do, and you do it with commitment, then you will find a way to solve the next problem! If, for example, you decide that, all things in the balance, you really do want to go home with your lover, and you're really "there," you will find a perfectly good way to solve the problem of the homophobic brother-in-law.

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Enough of this advice stuff! The reason advice columns proliferate at Christmas, despite our abundant experience that advice never works, is that we are all good Americans. We strongly believe that problems are solved by action, by behaving "correctly;" and so we seek instruction as to that correct way. But action is not the only way to solve problems. We forget contemplation, reflection; we overlook our intuition, and in so

taking, good-humored" side. The best of Saint Nick, and even the worst, too, belong not to some mythical Sky Rider, but to us -- and maybe we could get a little more so this year!

And what of the Christmas Tree, which is far and away the most popular of Christmas icons? The Christmas Tree celebrates the end of the year, not as measured by that unreal invention, the calendar, but as measured by real life, better known as nature. We can't eliminate Christmas, because we can't eliminate the end of the year; and we will always need something to mark that. On December 21, the sun has gone as far away from us as it can go, and it begins its journey back. Everything is "dead," dormant, and

mas with a stick is that it is a very, very old ritual; going back even before the Macy's parade, all the way back to before the Christians piggy-backed on to it. That's a lot of human history, a lot of wisdom. So, if we can't eliminate the "last cars," maybe we can salvage them. Perhaps we can let the long-lived symbols of Christmas breathe some life into us.

And -- if you solve the problem of your homophobic brother-in-law, let me know; I'd like to know how you did it! ▼

**Happy
Travels**

Rx for jet lag: Sunshine

by Raoul Anthony Renaud
OF MGW STAFF

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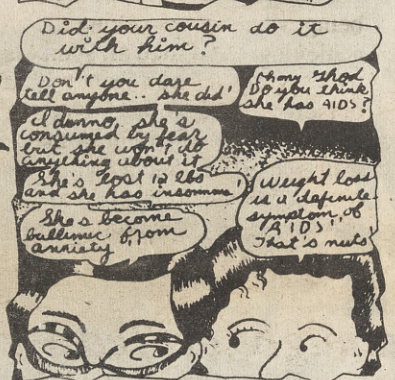
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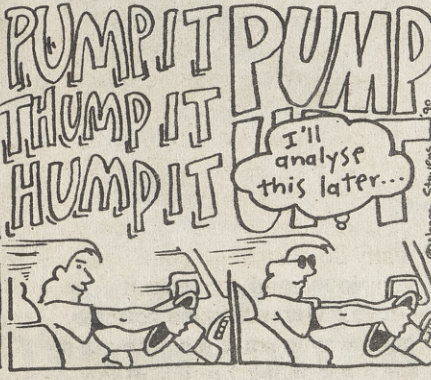
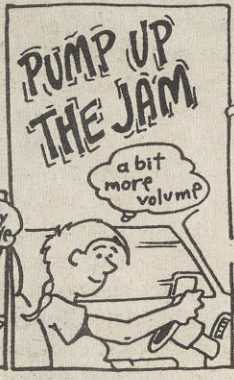
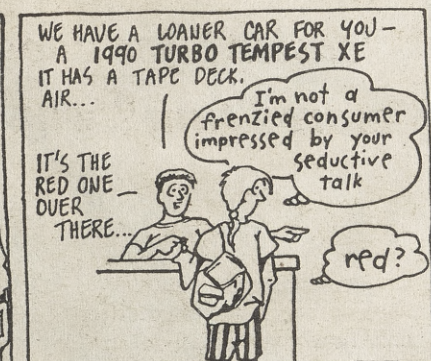
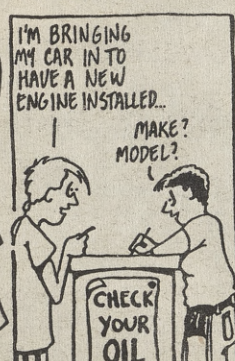
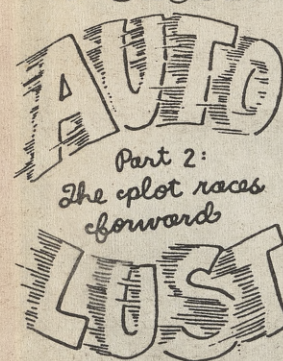
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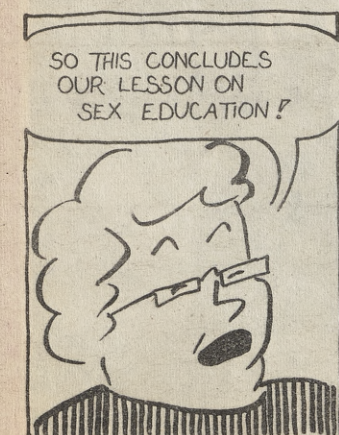


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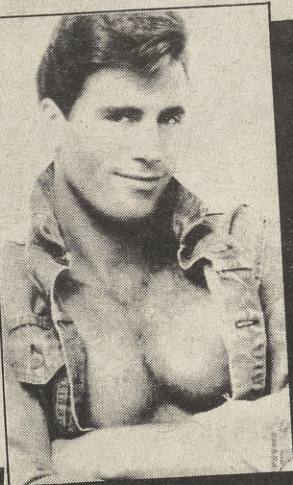
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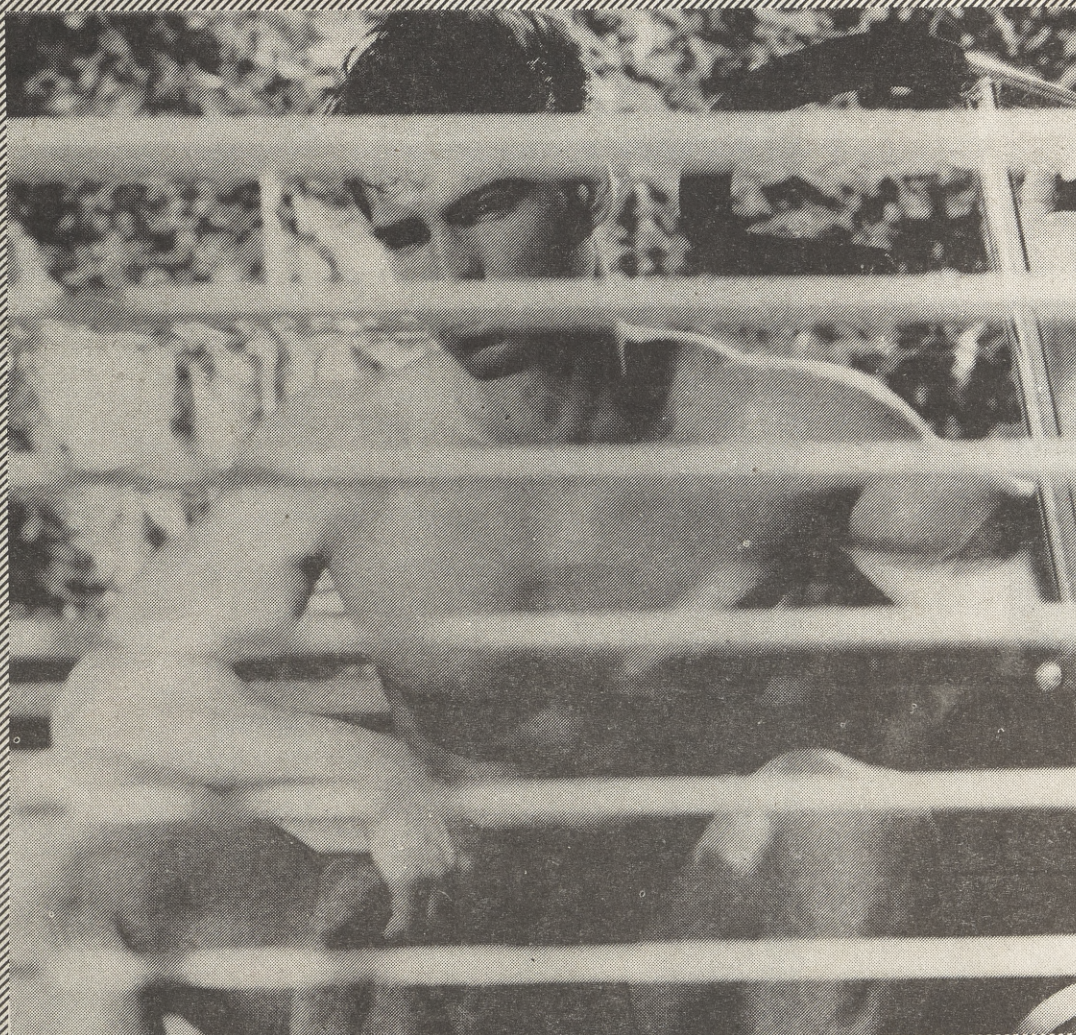
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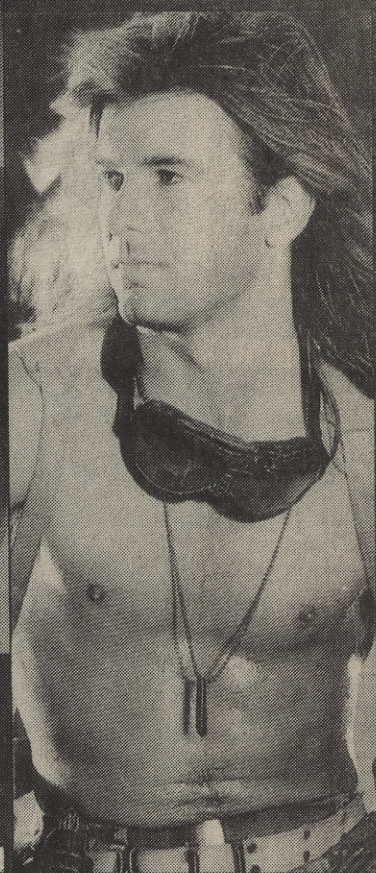
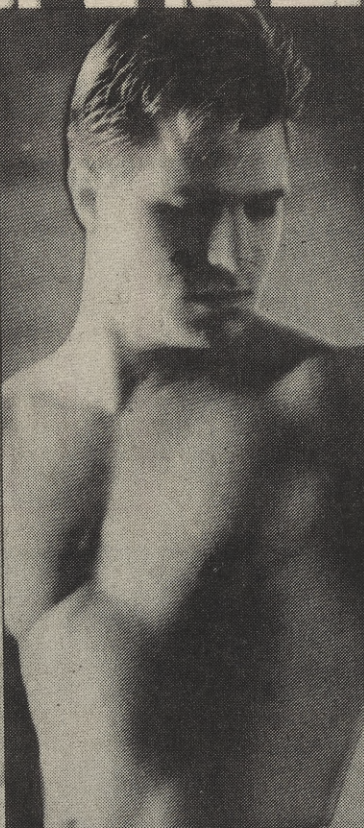


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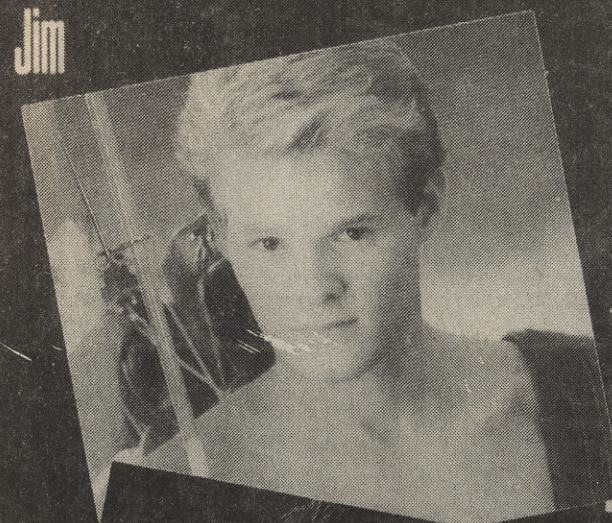


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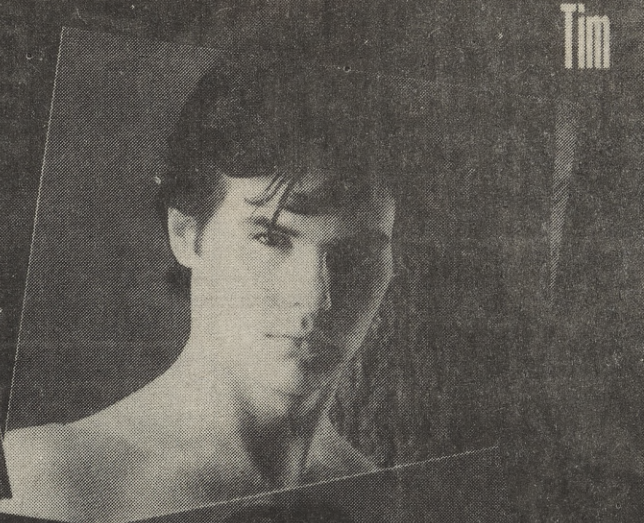
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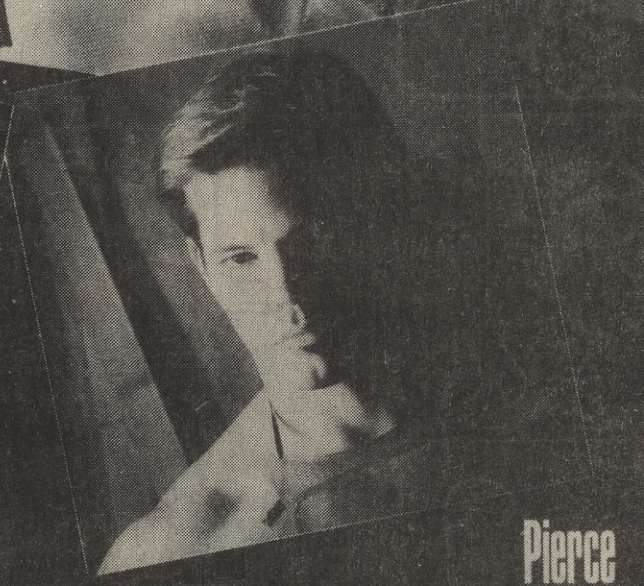
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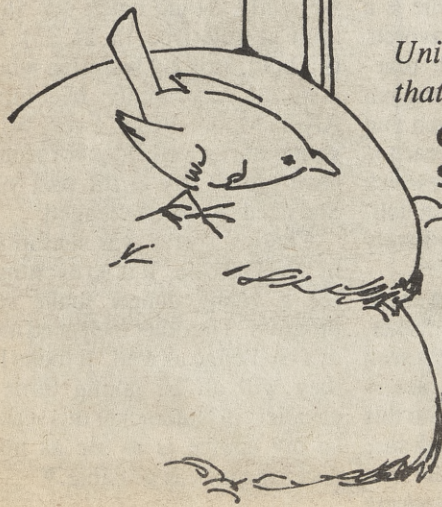


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Rent a classic

Age adds social history to popular movies

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

All Quiet on the Western Front (1930)

Anyone who believes that the 1960s had a monopoly on anti-war sentiment should rent this great movie.

Adapted from a novel by Erich Maria Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front* is an early talkie that tells the story of idealistic German schoolboys called to duty during World War I. Focusing on one soldier played by Lew Ayres, the film follows him and his comrades as they learn of war's folly and sink into disillusionment, starvation, terror and death.

Director Lewis Milestone made the ultimate anti-war movie and indeed *All Quiet on the Western Front* helped create a pacifist movement. Perhaps because of its harsh treatment of nationalism, *All Quiet on the Western Front* was banned

from Germany until the 1960s.

The movie is dated, particularly in the sometimes melodramatic acting, but the battle scenes are still startling. The famous ending sears the heart and mind.

All Quiet on the Western Front was a huge commercial and critical success, winning Best Picture and Best Director Academy Awards. There have been many imitators of this movie since 1930 but the original masterpiece still packs tremendous power.

The Magnificent Ambersons (1942)

Due to the continued lionization of *Citizen Kane*, another Orson Wells masterwork often goes neglected.

The Magnificent Ambersons tells of the anachronistic Minafer family, destroyed by the passing of a genteel way of life in the name of technological progress.

Based on a novel by Booth Tarkington, *The Magnificent Ambersons*

is very much an auteur's work. It has all the assurance and technical command found in *Citizen Kane*. But for all of Wells' gifts of collaboration, *The Magnificent Ambersons* remains cold. Some warmth is generated by a tour-de-force performance by Agnes Moorehead as the desperate Aunt Fanny. Working expertly, but not quite at Moorehead level, are Joseph Cotton, Tim Holt as the spoiled scion of the family, Dolores Costello and a young Anne Baxter.

RKO executives were fearing *Ambersons* would bomb at the box office. In keeping with Hollywood wisdom, the original 2 1/2 hour version was edited to 88 minutes and it was put on a double bill with *Mexican Spitfire Sees a Ghost*. *Ambersons* still bombed. Time has been very kind to the movie, however, and film historians now place it alongside *Kane* and other giants.

The late Orson Wells said that *The Magnificent Ambersons* was

his favorite movie. No doubt he was deeply wounded by the butchering of the original version. Rediscovering the original, unavailable for decades, would bring a stir of excitement to devotees of old movies. It would also complete the legacy of an important filmmaker.

A Place in the Sun (1951)

George Stevens (*Giant*, *Shane*) directed this tale of ambition, social class, justice and personal responsibility based on Theodore Dreiser's novel *An American Tragedy*.

Montgomery Clift, as the poor nephew of a wealthy businessman, wants to belong to the glittering social world. He has an affair with a factory worker (Shelley Winters) and later falls in love with beautiful young socialite Elizabeth Taylor after Winters gets pregnant. Options in this dilemma were more limited back then, and tragedy results.

A Place in the Sun could be seen as an indictment against the capitalism that divides America between rich and poor, or it could be seen as a cautionary tale of money's seduc-

tion and poison. But Clift's downfall is more the results of bad timing than ambition. He does not fall in love with Taylor because she is rich, he falls in love with her because she is a dream girl -- gorgeous, bright and charming. Likewise he does not abandon Winters because she is poor but because she is slovenly and cloying. And if money corrupts, then why are the rich people in *A Place in the Sun* so attractive and have so much fun? The moral here is murky.

But why carp? *A Place in the Sun* is a feast of romantic moviemaking. Franz Waxman's score is superb and Stevens directs with such authority that he won an Oscar for his efforts.

The real draw here is Clift and Taylor, two of the most achingly beautiful lovers to ever fill a screen. The attraction is palpable; 19-year-old Taylor was said to be in love with Clift, and he, though gay, likewise adored Taylor. With Clift's brilliant and brooding presence, *A Place in the Sun* emits a power all its own.

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Sacramento Ballet keeps it bright with Nutcracker

by John Mello
OF MGW STAFF

At mid-season, after October's *Don Quixote* and with the current run of *Nutcracker*, Ron Cunningham definitely seems intent on keeping things moving. It is extremely difficult to find any validity in reviving that creaky, ersatz Spanish warhorse from 1869. For Baryshnikov and American Ballet Theater the justification was virtuoso dancers who blinded us to the ballet's absurdities. After Cunningham reached new artistic heights this year even without virtuoso dancing, it is hard to speculate why the company would attempt *Don Quixote*, a work that is about as satisfying as cotton candy. This reviewer would like to see more original ballets from this choreographer. The remainder of the season should be interesting.

How does Cunningham keep these revivals fresh? In both ballets, for one thing, he makes sure there is always something going on during the pas d'action where there is less dancing. Helgi Tomasson's revivals seem to be very sparse by comparison during these moments. Perhaps it's because the traditional ballet stage business going on during these bashes has become so hackneyed, crude and overplayed. Another problem might be that American dancers don't receive as much coaching in this department as their European counterparts who mime so naturally. Cunningham's dancers related well to one another and seem to be having so much fun that one can forget the cartoonish gesturing.

Another thing that seems to keep this *Nutcracker* at least from mil-dewing is that it looks so different from last year. Cunningham's Drosselmeyer has grown more bizarre and tightly sprung as well. From a purely technical standpoint, the dancing of the corps de ballet has noticeably improved. And those marvelous, disciplined children of the Sacramento Ballet continue to take one's breath away. We have the makings of a major national dance institution here.



Sacramento Ballet's *Don Quixote*: Charles Torres and Bridget Baker. Photo by Penny Kline

To be more specific about the dancers, we should begin with the Kitri seen in *Don Quixote*, Bridget Baker, who also alternates in many roles in *Nutcracker*. She is the perfect 19th-century ballerina: petite, light, restrained, winsome, very Royal Ballet, very sweet. This makes her somewhat limited in those roles that demand bravura, but she is a rare type that should be savored, like authentic performance practice of Baroque music on original instruments. A little off-pitch, but ravishing. She prefers to wear toe shoes that are very broken-in, which makes her balance even more delicate and sensitive. She is lovely from any angle.

Diane McLarty, who has more depth, more daring and a darker, more mysterious element, was seen to advantage in character roles in *Don Quixote*. Her Sugar Plum this year was stronger. She makes sure that every single movement she makes (transitions, walking, taking her partner's hand) is legato, sus-

tained and refined in a manner that reminds one of the Kirov style. This fluidity and phrasing more than compensates for the occasional odd angles she has. There is complexity here, and independence too.

Nina Baratova certainly stands out in anything she does. After her R-rated *Arabian Dance* this year, we really should catch her Sugar Plum as well (Dec. 18, 21, 23). She is a bold, striking ballerina who is maturing very rapidly. In contrast, Alycia Moore-Virga, a very bright young star as well, does not seem to have grown any in the past year. She needs to be challenged.

Charles Torres was sensational in *Don Quixote*. It is so exciting to see a young dancer make such progress. The other men need more of a challenge as well. It looks like they will all be taking turns as cavaliers in *Nutcracker* this season, so my advice is to see as many performances as possible. ▼

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Strauss "Yes" ... Verdi "No"

by Wayne R. Anderson
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Set in a chateau near Paris in the late 1700s, the Countess, who is consumed by music, is being courted by a composer (Flamand) and a poet (Olivier). She is attracted by both young men and agrees to announce her choice the next day. Also present are her brother the Count (a dilettante actor), a theater director (La Roche), and an actress Clairon. Over the course of the evening, Flamand and Olivier ceaselessly, often boringly, debate the relative importance of words and music in opera. When not putting each other down, they extol the new operas of Gluck and argue with La Roche, who prefers the old-fashioned Italian operas to their modern works lacking in music and soul. In between arguments, La Roche and the Count drool in their beards over a new ballerina. So who wins? Which is more important, the words or the music? Strauss could not make up his mind, and neither could the countess. She ends the opera by going to dinner.

It is easy to see why this opera has not caught on. The musical style is an extended lyrical recitative with most of the melody carried by the orchestra, much like the chattier parts of *Rosenkavalier* and *Ara-bella*. Only once does Strauss unleash the voice, in the long final scene for (what else?) soprano. The basis of the work sounds ponderously self-indulgent: a 2 3/4 hour uninterrupted debate over whether words or music are more important in opera. However the whole piece is done with such lightness and humor that it is really a spoof on overly-serious grand opera. To appreciate this, it is essential to follow the words, so the supertitles were especially helpful.

The SFO production could hardly have been better. Kiri Te Kanawa was ravishing as the Countess. In the final scene her soprano soared through Strauss music as no other today can. She played the Countess as a young widow having an enjoyable evening rather than someone making a grave decision about art. As her suitors, American tenor Keith Olsen (Flamand) was an extrovert still wet behind the ears, while baritone William Shimell (Olivier) was the opposite, an overly-serious writer. Victor Braun (La Roche), Hakan Hagegard (the Count), and Hanna Schwarz (Clairon), as well as all the others, were ideal in their roles, and conductor Stephen Barlow made Strauss' orchestra sing. The single set was the gorgeous interior of the chateau.

Unfortunately Verdi's *Un ballo in maschera* (A Masked Ball) did not live up to the standards of the Strauss piece. Despite beautiful sets, the cast never brought it to life. Deborah Voigt (replacing Susan Dunn) was in over her head as



Keith Olson is Flamand and Kiri Te Kanawa is the Countess in *Capriccio* by Richard Strauss. Photo by Marty Sohl

Amelia. She has a promising rich voice of good size, sometimes capable of great dramatic impact, but it is not under total control. With its slow arching phrases, "Morro ma prima in grazia" showed her at her best, but she needs to develop on less-demanding roles. As Gustavo (the opera was returned

to Sweden), Ermanno Mauro's trumpet tenor was sometimes very exciting but at other times dry and unsubtle. His acting consisted of moving around a lot and overusing stock operatic gestures, such as outstretched arms. Alain Foudary's wooly baritone didn't do justice to Anckarstrom's (Renato)

music. Tracy Dahl was often shrill and annoyingly "pert" as the page Oscar. She looked more like a dwarf than an adolescent. Diane Curry (Madame Arvidson/Ulrica) sounded strained. Conductor Maurizio Arena kept the score moving and exciting.▼



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A spiritual reconciliation

by Kate M. Lang, M.S.
OF MGW STAFF

As a child, I actually loved the contemplative and meditative aspects of my Church experience. Adversity was provided for me and my older brother Ovid, by one mean nun who wielded a knife-like metal-edged ruler, and a couple of small-minded priests. Sister Mary T. would stride down the corridors and side-walks of St. Joseph's school smacking her ruler against her voluminous black skirt like a metronome. Stride, smack. Stride, smack.

She punished my brother badly for writing stuff on the boys' bathroom stall. He didn't do it. It was Alex Robelard who later was executed in San Quentin for murder. Now my brother is a Chief of Police. He could lock that old hag up! But for that nun we suffered, there was a nun of beautiful Spirit I adored who seemed to glide so gently everywhere she went, loving and comforting children.

I questioned the Catechism, and I thought Joseph and Mary had sex BEFORE Jesus. This was especially scary to think about because the ACT OF THINKING THOSE THOUGHTS seemed designed by the Catholic Church to send me straight to Hell! It was a sin even to imagine sex. I would squinch my eyes up hard, move my ears back and tighten my inner ear muscles to squeeze out the bad thoughts. And I would say three "Our Fathers" and four "Hail Marys."

My girlfriend, Kay, said, "That's not what I do. I say, God, if you let me have this one dirty thought, I'll say three 'Hail Marys' and four 'Our Fathers' tomorrow! To think you could bargain with God and not just listen and take orders! I think in retrospect, I resented most and could not then understand the rigidity Religion often placed around consciousness.

In 1956 my parents became involved with a psychic lady named Nell Heberling. Quiet and unobtrusive, she was uniquely talented both in intuitive abilities and inspirational writing. Meeting her as a child deeply affected my life as she was the first person that I had ever known who was able to accurately demonstrate psychic skills. A story of her experience appeared in a lengthy article in the Redding, California newspaper, "The Record Searchlight", dated April 16, 1960.

My mother wanted to share with

the priests of our Church this exceedingly beautiful psychic and spiritual phenomenon, and called them to come out to our rather remote ranch. I was sitting on a hill when I saw this shiny black car come winding down the valley and pull up in front of the house. I was fourteen. Two priests got out of the car as my mother was coming down the terraced steps. In the distance I could hear them talking and then yelling. A word, "excommunication" echoes in memory.

They left and I came to my Mother. She was crying and said we would never go to church again. This was very disturbing to me. She went into the house and I walked in a daze down to the old mulberry tree.

Looking through its ancient branches to the sky, crying, I vividly remember vowing that I would never have a priest or anyone in between me and God again.

If God really loved me then He would have to talk to me directly. None of this middle-man nonsense. I cannot separate the politics in religion from the religion in the politics. And I have carried a hurt too long because I did not know how to heal it.

Two somewhat scholarly texts have helped me and excited my mind a great deal. One I read when I was working on my Masters. "The Origin of Consciousness In The Breakdown Of The Bicameral Mind," by Julian Jaynes (1982) has at its heart the "revolutionary idea that human consciousness did not begin far back in animal evolution but is a learned process brought into being out of an earlier hallucinatory mentality by cataclysm and catastrophe only 3000 years ago and still developing."

Richard Elliott Friedman in his 1987 book, "Who Wrote The Bible?" talks about perhaps the first Jewish scholar to say outright about a verse of the Torah, "Moses did not write this".

Joseph ben Eliezer Bonfils made this point six hundred years ago..."insofar as we fare to believe

in the received words and in the words of prophecy, what is it to me if Moses wrote it or if another prophet wrote it, since the words of all of them are truth and through prophecy".

Friedman writes (because of the recent years' literary, linguistic, and archeological discoveries) that "We can read a page of the Bible and know that three or even four persons, all artists, all writing from their own experience, in their own historical moments, separated by centuries, contributed to composing that page....For those who hold the Bible as sacred, it can mean new possibilities of interpretation; and it can mean a new awe before the great chain of events, persons, and centuries that came together so intricately to produce an incomparable book of teachings...The question, after all, is not only who wrote the Bible, but who reads it."

The object of psychical research (in the words of those who founded the Society for Psychical Research in 1882) is "to examine, without prejudice or prepossession, and in a scientific spirit, those faculties of man, real or supposed, which appear to be inexplicable on any generally recognized hypothesis."

Theology was once called 'queen of sciences' when science meant no more than organized knowledge; religion is not a science in the contemporary sense of an academic discipline based on empirical (statistical) calculations, probability theory and repeatable experiments. Psychical research, or Parapsychology as its commonly called, though it uses scientific methods of investigation, also belongs to the humanities as well as the sciences. It is not a religion, though sometimes people use it as a religion surrogate.

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RELIGION

Latter Day Saints hold Service of Remembrance

by John Williams
MGW RELIGION EDITOR

On December 1, World AIDS awareness day, The Restoration Church of Jesus Christ (RCJC) held a service of remembrance for both AIDS victims and those who live with AIDS.

The idea for the service was conceived by Elder Rand L. Sheriff-Laurent, the former presiding elder to the Sacramento congregation. Laurent wanted to provide an alternative to negative awareness regarding AIDS and HIV infection. Laurent explained, "There are many

ways to witness the crisis that our world faces. There are those who witness by physically and verbally protesting the deplorable situation. There also needs to be a witness on a more spiritual level that God is greater than AIDS."

The RCJC which has been active in the Sacramento area for four years, is primarily composed of former members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They hope as a group to provide additional dialogue for the re-integration of those who live with AIDS/HIV within society.

The service drew about 60 people from both gay and non-gay communities and consisted of prayers, congregational singing and a sermon by Elder Douglas Madrid of the Churches First Presidency. Madrid spoke of the need of charity in the world and for the need of people to practice love in all aspects of their lives. He went on to identify the true sin of Sodom and Gomorrah as being the lack of love and lack of love to both strangers and it's neighbors.▼

Abortion and gay/lesbian rights

by Mary Jean Collins
and Margaret Conway

Some of the gay and lesbian community is engaged in debate about connections between the struggle for gay and lesbian rights in our society and the struggle to maintain abortion as a legal right of women. Among gay and lesbian Catholics, the debate is especially critical because the church condemns homosexuality with the same theological arguments that it uses to condemn birth control and abortion.

But while the church hierarchy, represented in the United States by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, has condemned homosexuality, it has responded more punitively on the issue of abortion and has declared that ending legal abortion is its first priority. Why, then should the Catholic gay and lesbian community get involved with a stance on abortion? For reasons of shared theology and legal strategy, and to express solidarity with coalition partners in the larger struggles for the rights of all in the church and in society.

First, the legal strategy question. The great struggles for liberation in the second half of the 20th century are not unrelated. Participants in the movements of various dissenting groups -- women, people of color, gay and lesbian people -- have all rejected our assigned place in society and have fought for legal protection of our rights.

For gay men and lesbians, laws criminalizing sexual acts in most states are a significant obstacle to full equality of treatment in our society and in the legal system. Legal challenges in the area of reproductive rights and gay and lesbian rights are based on the right to privacy defined by the Supreme Court in Griswold v. Connecticut, which guaranteed legal birth control, and in Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion. Though the current Supreme Court has yet to affirm that this right to privacy applies to gays and lesbians, lower courts and state courts have. While reproductive decisions may conceptually seem different from gay rights, eroding the strength of the privacy argument in Roe is worrisome to many gay rights advocates who fear it would prevent future gains in gay and lesbian rights.

What about the theological issues? The church opposition to

birth control, abortion, and homosexuality derives from the same view of sexuality: sexual acts are only allowed between a man and a woman within marriage and without artificial barriers to procreation. Church history reveals that the church's antiabortion stance originated not out of concern for the fetus, but out of a desire to regulate sexuality: namely, that sex occurring without the willingness to bear a child is sinful. From this proposition the church concludes that abortions are sinful -- if someone needs an abortion, nonprocreative sex must have occurred.

Some argue that because gay and lesbian sex by nature does not result in procreation, then the issue of pregnancy, unplanned or not, is irrelevant. Yet precisely because gay and lesbian sexual acts are not procreative and do not occur between a married man and woman, they are condemned by the church. Among Catholics, this is a pivotal point where gay and lesbian issues overlap with the abortion issue. Additionally, many gay couples are procreating using modern reproductive technologies, which the church also condemned. The church has a damned-if-you-do, damned-if-you-don't attitude toward procreation for gay and lesbian Catholics.

The church's obsession with controlling the sexual lives of its members now shapes the church's stance on birth control, sex education, new reproductive technologies, and homosexuality. All of these issues profoundly affect Catholic gays and lesbians. A decade ago, for example, gay men may have had the luxury of ignoring the implications of the church stance on birth control or sex education, but that luxury no longer exists, the implications for the gay rights movement became crystal clear when the church expounded its deadly refusal to promote the use of condoms for the prevention of AIDS.

Misogyny and homophobia stem from the same root: a fear and hatred of that which is different, that which is unknown. In the same breath that the church calls gay and lesbian sexuality an intrinsic moral evil, it proclaims that all unplanned pregnancies must be carried to term, even if the life of the woman is threatened. Both of these attitudes signal a theology of disregard and disrespect, one that refuses to listen

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Faithnotes...

Happenings in the community

by John Williams
RELIGION EDITOR

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer will be having a Christmas Eucharist on Christmas Eve at 7:30pm at the church. Contact Pastor Todd VanLaningham at 483-5691 ... River City Metropolitan Community Church will host in addition to its regular services the following events: December 14-16 a Christmas Craft Faire will be held at the church. A variety of gift items, crafts and goodies will be available. On December 23 the church will present the Mixed Chorus Concert with Andrew Carhartt, pianist at 6pm. The Reverend Elder Freda will preach her famous Christmas sermon during the service. Then

on Christmas Day the church will host a family-style holiday meal between 2-6pm for those in the Sacramento community who have no family to share with. For information call 454-4762 ... The Davis Mooncircle will hold its annual Winter Solstice Ritual on the 21st at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Davis Unitarian/Universalist building located in Davis. For information call Kay at 758-7727 ... A Hannukah party will be held at Congregation SHA'AR ZAHAV in San Francisco on December 15 from 7:30-10pm. For information call the synagogue at 415-861-6932. To include your group's activities in this column contact John Williams, MGW Religion Editor.▼

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Dream a little dream

reviewed by Walter R. Gorski
OF MGW STAFF

As If After Sex by Joseph Torchia, St. Martins, \$7.95, paper.

As If After Sex is one passionate love story -- beginning slowly and somewhat innocently, the author leads the reader along familiar ground. You know people like this. The San Francisco locale is current and vibrant. The dialogue sparkles and the dream sequences glow. Caught up in the excitement of the love of these two men the reader sees what is real and what is not; so much more easily than in real life.

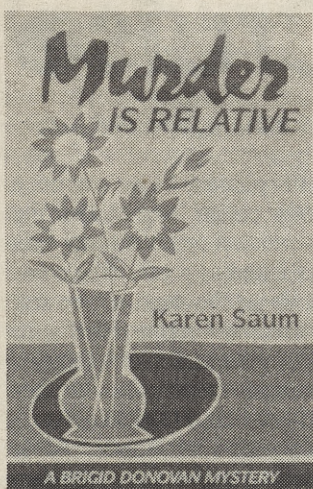
Somewhere in the Night by Jeffery McManan, Alyson, \$5.95, paper.

Somewhere in the Night is fun. Scary, funny erotic stories starring Andrew, who sells clothing. Oh yes, Andrew's a modern vampire.

Entertaining and occasionally moving prose here, no need to wait for the sale.

The Quest, set in San Francisco, this erotic novel about police officers touches on themes of dominance/submission, the quest for the Father and transcendence.

Published privately days before the author's death, this book can be ordered from D. Keller, 7 Rotteck St., San Francisco, 94112 for \$9.95.▼



A dull surprise

reviewed by Laura Enright
OF MGW STAFF

Murder Is Relative by Karen Saum; The Naiad Press, Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, 1990, 246 pages, \$8.95.

Murder Is Relative, A Brigid Donovan Mystery, is a murder mystery that reads a little bit like a daytime soap opera. Brigid Donovan, 52-year-old alcoholic and investigative journalist is hired to write about the history of Maine's H.O.P.E. House, an interfaith community, although her actual assignment is to investigate an unsolved murder.

I was happy to see the issue of alcoholism appear in *Murder Is Relative* especially when the heroine was shown in such a positive light. Unfortunately, the author took the whole issue one step further and before I knew it, it seemed like all the characters were alcoholics. While I am slightly exaggerating, I think you'll find that Ms. Saum has a problem with overkill in this area.

All-in-all, *Murder Is Relative* was not as intense as I would have preferred. While I was impressed with the character of Brigid Donovan, most of the book was so weighted down with the constant discovery of family skeletons that it began to read like a *Peyton Place* novel. Societal taboos have certainly found a home in *Murder Is Relative* and I don't think that Ms. Saum has missed too many of them.▼



Not as good as the others

reviewed by Laura Enright
OF MGW STAFF

Theme for Diverse Instruments by Jane Rule; The Naiad Press, Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, 1990, 192 pages, \$8.95.

Jane Rule, author of such highly acclaimed books as *"Memory Board"* and *"Desert of the Heart"* has put together a collection of new and re-issued short stories entitled *Theme for Diverse Instruments*.

The stories, centered around the lives of women are for the most part rather boring in comparison with Ms. Rule's other literary giants and seems to constitute some of her earlier writing attempts. Although several stories including *"Middle Children"* and *"In the Attic of the House"* both of which I've read in other publications by Ms. Rule, were sensitive lesbian stories that made the rest of the book worth reading.

Theme for Diverse Instruments, billed on its cover as "deserves a permanent place on your bookshelf" will probably not be around long on mine.▼

An English quintet

reviewed by Walter R. Gorski
OF MGW STAFF

Puppies by John Valentine, \$9.50.
Enchanted Youth by Richie McMullen, \$9.95.

The Novice by Timothy Ireland, \$7.95.

Doing Business by Jeremy Beadle, \$8.95.

Ice Wind and Fire by Mel Keegan, \$10.95.

(All published by GMP Publishers, London, and distributed by Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118).

Thanks are due Alyson Publications for not only maintaining a wonderful output of lesbian and gay writing, but also for letting readers in on some interesting new British (and in the case of *Ice Wind and Fire*, Australian) authors.

Puppies, a novel, and *Enchanted Youth*, an autobiography, focus on the coming of age difficulties and sexual experiences of young men. *The Novice* is Donovan, age 23, who comes to London from the provinces, and looks for love in all the right (and wrong) places. *Doing Business* and *Ice Wind and Fire* are mysteries, well written and suspenseful, just the thing for a rainy winter day.▼

Something for everyone

reviewed by Walter R. Gorski
OF MGW STAFF

Taboo No More: the Phallus in Fact, Fantasy & Fiction by Dr. Mark Thorn, Shapolsky Publishers, NY; \$29.95, cloth.

It's got pictures. It's got biblical quotes. It's got more trivial information (and more strange opinions) than any book that's crossed this reviewer's desk in many a moon.

The author attempts to trace society's preoccupation with the phallus in religion, art, psychology and politics.

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Ask Dr. Cruise

by Raoul Anthony Renaud
OF MGW STAFF

Dear Dr. Cruise: I have a 1987 Honda Civic that I don't understand. On a hot summer day, if the temperature gauge starts to move up toward "hot," such as when driving in slow traffic, all I have to do is turn on the air conditioner and the temperature needle drops back to the normal range. Sometimes the engine will start to overheat on a cold, winter day too, but I don't want to run the air conditioner in December! I always thought running the air conditioner would cause overheating, not pre-

vent it! What's going on? -- Perplexed

Dear Perplexed: There was once a TV show called "My Mother the Car" in which a man's mother was reincarnated as a car. She complained about the heat, so the son had air conditioning installed with the ducts aimed into the engine compartment to keep his mother the car cool. That is NOT what is going on with your Honda. Most front wheel drive cars have an electric cooling fan for the radiator which runs only when the radiator reaches a certain temperature. There is a little switch that senses the temperature of the engine coolant and

starts the fan when it gets too warm. I think your switch may be broken. The reason the engine coolant and starts the fan when it gets too warm. I think your switch may be broken. The reason the engine cools down when you turn on the air conditioner is that the radiator fan runs constantly when the air conditioner is on, and the switch that would normally cycle the fan on and off is overridden. Until you get it checked, keep an eye on that temperature gauge and don't let it overheat!

Send your automotive questions to: Dr. Cruise, c/o MGW, 1725 L St., Sac. 95814.

Saturn: a gay car?

by Raoul Anthony Renaud
OF MGW STAFF

So far, giant General Motors has neither confirmed nor denied that its new Saturn car line is gay. As reported here last time, GM introduced the car on National Coming Out Day. I had a chance to give the cars a good look recently at the San Francisco Auto Show and I noted many pluses and only a few minuses about the line:

-- fit and finish were equal to Japanese cars. The dent and chip-proof plastic doors and fenders look great;

-- the sedan has a huge trunk with a low liftover and the trunk lid opens a full 90 degrees for easy loading;

-- the engine and transmission are generally easy for owners to service. The automatic transmission has an externally-mounted, spin-on oil filter so owners can service this oft-neglected item. On most cars the filter is mounted inside the transmission and changing it is a messy job. However, the engine oil filter is inconveniently located and can only be reached from underneath;

-- interior comfort, layout, materials and assembly are all excellent.

One quibble: the tilt wheel release lever is located under the steering column where it is hard to see and use. Put it on the column like most American cars so it is easy to use!

Apparently, concerns over maintaining quality have caused slowdowns at the Saturn factory in Tennessee. The first Saturn dealership in the Sacramento area is scheduled to open May 15 in Roseville. Dealers in other areas have had difficulty obtaining enough Saturns to meet customer demand.▼

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Gay and lesbian scholars

by Joanne Marrow, Ph.D.
OF MGW STAFF

Fourth in a series...

Harrington Park Press is releasing a series of books on gay and lesbian research done by social scientists. While no statements are made as to the sexual identities of the researchers, it is clear that the areas under study are of personal interest to the authors. This is the beginning of a new generation of studies of the gay and lesbian lifestyles which are written from within the perspective of the communities, rather than from the viewpoint of the heterosexual anglo male. Here are some highlights of the documented information.

John P. DeCecco and Michael G. Shively (Ed.) *Origins of sexuality and homosexuality*. Harrington Park Press, NY 1985.

Are you one of the many gay (or lesbian) people who thinks that you were born "gay"? It is an interesting thought, but if "gay" has something to do with sex, most developmental psychologists believe that babies know nothing about it. If "gay" has something to do with "identity," another problem arises. Just how do you operationally or scientifically define "identity?" This last question has occupied the minds of social scientists for a hundred years and there are still no simple answers.

One way to conclude that there is an essential or innate disposition to being gay is to find some biological basis for it. The research in this area, unfortunately, comes from a context where heterosexuals want to find the "faulty" gay gene and eradicate it. Douglas Futuyma and Stephen Risch write an article which concludes that there is no evidence for a genetic basis for heterosexuality or homosexuality. They state that there is no evidence for a sociobiological theory of homosexuality. It is an implausible theory. Thomas Ford Hoult draws the same conclusions after he examined a different set of data. Most of this research is based on animal studies that do not transfer to human behavior, and the results are contradictory, inconclusive, or methodologically deficient. If you are a budding social scientist, you have a lifetime of research ahead to prove that you (or anyone) were (is) "born gay."

Vivienne C. Cass states that the concept of "homosexual identity" needs definition. Researchers discuss it but fail to define it. Engaging in homosexual behavior is simple enough to measure. But not everyone who engages in the behavior takes on the label. In addition, people take on the label with all sorts of qualifications or variances. This is what is meant by "coming out" as a process. Cass states that development of an integrated identity requires more direct communi-

cation with others. Ultimately this includes the presentation of a homosexual self-image to both homosexual and heterosexual others. Cass questions the assumption that a gay identity evolves from childhood or adolescent experiences. She asks "Can we conceive of a homosexual identity that arises in adulthood?" This adult identity would be formulated in the same way as other adult identity changes: conversions in religion, becoming "middle-aged." Many lesbians who I have interviewed prefer this latter conceptualization. Women who "come out" in their 40s and 50s can't seem to remember the childhood desires gay people are supposed to have. Cass also gives some space to researchers who insisted that there is no such thing as a gay or homosexual "identity." The main philosophical question is that identity is a process of growth over the entire lifespan. To enforce a label like "homosexual" is to lock the individual into a rigid, permanent category that would limit personal growth. It seems to me that this would only be true if the gay culture fails to grow and to accommodate to all the individual varieties of living a gay lifestyle.

Henry Minton and Gary McDonald, Canadians, accept the concept of a gay identity and discuss it as a developmental process. They see the individual as progressing through several stages. First, one acknowledges in oneself that

one has homoerotic feelings. Second, one internalizes or takes on oneself the norms, or cultural assumptions about homosexuality. Third, the individual can critically evaluate the cultural norms about homosexuality and take what he/she likes and wants and discard the rest. Having a love relationship appears to deepen the commitment to a homosexual identity. The final phase is integrating the public and private homosexual identities. Sounds nice and neat. They have no data to back up this theory and all that comes to my mind are the many lesbian stories I've heard which illustrate strange and varied journeys to the isle of Lesbos. Only the post-liberation generalization may travel the path that these authors describe. Perhaps this theory is more applicable to the male experience.

Diane Richardson, from England, discusses the dilemma of finding what is "essential" to the homosexual category. What quality does every homosexual possess? She looks to the literature to find that there are a number of ways to categorize. Some say that there is something about the nature of the person. Others discuss a "state of desire" (sexual orientation); another sexual acts (behavior); and most current, a personal identification or sexual identity. She concludes that human sexual experience is a

complex thing and that theorists have no easy explanations.

In separate articles, Jay Paul and Timothy Murphy discuss the issue of bisexuality. Murphy puts to rest all of Freudian theory as nonsense. (When will people be aware that Freud was not a researcher or scientist, but invented his theories out of pure fantasy?) Paul discusses the problem that historically scientists have not seen bisexuality as a real option, identity or lifestyle. He discusses the difficulties in living as a bisexual and states that "achieving a bisexual identity, which implies a process of individuation from the lesbian/gay community as well as from the heterosexual community, requires greater physical separation for women than it does for men, given that women are more communion-oriented."

Finally, DeCecco and Shively suggest that there is an incomplete picture if we discuss sexual identity only in terms of choice of sex object, or even of personal "identity." Instead they suggest a more difficult task for researchers; shift the focus from isolated individuals to sexual relationships and mutual associations. They see advantages to this approach. Scientists will be less able to impose their own morality, but must look at the morality of those under study. Sexual relationships could be conceptualized in other than biological terms. ▼

Symptoms of Inner Peace

Be on the lookout for symptoms of inner peace. The hearts of a great many people have already been exposed to inner peace and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

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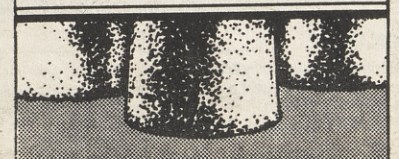


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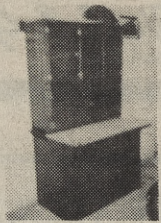
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Court deciding nonbiological parents' rights

In the first case of its kind to be appealed to a state high court, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has asked the New York Court of Appeals to decide whether a lesbian parent, who is not biologically related to the child she raised with her former partner, may seek visitation with that child. The case, *Alison D. v. Virginia M.*, is bound to set a parenting precedent in New York, and will heavily influence thinking about the changing face of legally-recognized families across the nation.▼

Record to benefit Stop AIDS Project

The singing waiters and waitresses at Max's Opera Cafe have cut their first record, "Max's Garden." The record features a mix of operatic arias, pop songs and Broadway show tunes.

The record is produced on the Budding Star label by Diane Dragone. Net proceeds from the disc will go to the Stop AIDS Project.▼

Store has Xmas items to benefit AIDS groups

Holiday shoppers who want to give more than traditional gifts this year can visit "Under One Roof," a unique store located at Market and Castro. It sits in front of the Names Project and is staffed by volunteers.

Merchandise ranges from T-shirts, coffee mugs and videotapes to works of art by people infected with AIDS, and safe-sex gifts. Twenty-five AIDS groups will benefit directly from the sales.▼

Trial date set in hate-crimes case

Two men have been arraigned in San Francisco Superior Court on assault and hate-crime charges in the beating on two people in the Castro last August.

Brendon Rosenberg, 19, and Thomas Miles, 21, both of San Francisco, pleaded not guilty and were ordered to stand trial on January 22. Both men are being held in jail in lieu of bail.

Allegedly, the two men, while in the company of two teen girls, shouted anti-gay epithets at a group of five men in the vicinity of 17th and Castro, then challenged them to fight. In the ensuing brawl one victim was kicked unconscious and another was beaten.▼

Navy career not so great for recruits in Orlando

A report by the Navy's Inspector General has targeted Orlando Naval Training Center as the site of repeated infractions against female

recruits. The report says in the past 18 months there have been at least six cases of rape of women at Orlando, and no prosecutions. The report also refers to charges of sexual assault and social-fraternization violations.

The Navy brass, already embarrassed during the past year by allegations of sexual harassment at the Naval Academy in Annapolis and of rape aboard two Navy ships, has ordered a service-wide review.▼

Most gay and lesbian couples pool incomes

Financial interdependence was widely observed among the 1,266 gay and lesbian couples surveyed by *Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples*. Fully 82 percent of the male couples and 75 percent of the female couples shared all or part of their incomes. In addition, the longer couples had been together, the more likely they were to share income.

In the study, some of the individuals surveyed were able to share job benefits with their partners. Health insurance coverage for partners was available to four percent of women and six percent of men.

For a free summary of results: *Partners*, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.▼

Writer's name added to quilt

The Names Project, based in San Francisco, has added a panel to the AIDS memorial quilt in the name of Carol Belove, a former columnist with the *Petaluma-Argus Courier* newspaper.

Belove, mother of two, died in August. She wrote extensively in her columns about AIDS as more than a "gay" disease.

Belove's name was added to the quilt before the quilt was recently taken to Israel.▼

AIDS patient appeals FDA ban

A Dallas man with AIDS has appealed to the federal court in San Francisco to lift a FDA ban on shipment of a drug he says he needs to treat the threat of AIDS-related dementia.

Ron Woodroof has used Peptide T to treat dementia since December of 1989. He was told by the sole supplier of the drug that the FDA has stopped future shipments because the drug is subject to further testing.

Woodroof is arguing he could lose motor skills without the drug, and that with the use of Peptide T, his dementia regresses.▼

NEA boss vetoes grant

An experimental artist, Mel Chin, whose project was approved by the peer panel of the NEA, and then upheld by the National Council on the Arts, has been notified that the NEA chairman, John Frohnmayer, has rejected the grant.

Chin, whose project, "Revival Field" uses plants which absorb toxic metals to clean a waste site, is free to request an explanation for the denial.▼

Director learns he's positive

Jim Hymes, the new director of Philadelphia's AIDS activities coordinating office, has learned he is HIV positive. Hymes, 40, received the diagnosis after accepting the city's appointment.▼

Gay couple sues for marriage license

A gay couple from the District of Columbia recently filed suit contending the city discriminated against them by refusing to approve their request for a marriage license.

"We demand the right to marry, and we demand the same legal rights and protections of our relationship that are freely given to people in heterosexual relationships," said Craig Dean, a lawyer who filed suit on behalf of himself and Patrick Gill. "We are outraged by this blatant act of discrimination."

Currently no state or locality in the U.S. allows same-sex marriages. However, one Episcopal minister in Orange County, California has indicated he will begin conducting same-sex marriage ceremonies.▼

NEA fine print

The arts world was caught off-guard in October when Congress unexpectedly authorized the National Endowment for the Arts without adding any major restrictions.

The art world has now begun to read the fine print and it isn't making many happy. According to the new legislation, the NEA's chairperson must take into consideration "general standards of decency," as well as artistic excellence, in awarding grants.

Some judging panelists have expressed concern, construing the clause to mean control over the interpretation rather than the content of the art. NEA chairman John Frohnmayer has issued a statement promising clarification of the new law in the near future.▼

Reporter files suit against UPI

A former UPI reporter filed a \$12.75 million lawsuit against the news agency and a Milwaukee-based religious broadcaster, contending she was fired because she is a lesbian, and wrote a free-lance story for a gay publication.

Julie Brienza, UPI's Supreme Court reporter, contends she was fired after Vic Eliason, executive director of Wisconsin Voice of Christian Youth, Inc., pressured UPI to let her go. Brienza had written a free-lance article about the influence of the "religious right" on broadcasting.

UPI refuses comment on the suit, but has said in the past they fired Brienza for violations of UPI work rules.▼

Calls for quick action on AIDS drugs

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, has called on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to expedite the approval of two promising

AIDS treatments.

In a letter to FDA Commissioner urging the commissioner to "expedite a decision on the licensing of dideoxyinosine (DDI) and dideoxycytidine (DDC) as treatments for HIV disease." Although both drugs are available through expanded access programs, neither treatment has been submitted for licensing by its corporate sponsor.▼

Celebration honors lesbian rights pioneers

The ACLU of Northern California held its 18th annual Bill of Rights Day Celebration on December 9 in San Francisco. The prestigious Earl Warren Civil Liberties Award was presented to lesbian rights pioneers Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon.

The keynote address was delivered by noted civil rights attorney Derrick Bell, who earlier this year voluntarily left his post at Harvard Law School to protest Harvard's failure to grant tenure to a black woman law professor. The Lola Hanzel Courageous Advocacy Award was presented posthumously to ACLU-NC gay rights activist Douglas Warner.▼

Essence refuses advertisements for black gay and lesbian conference

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced that it has filed a complaint on behalf of the Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum (BGLLF) against *Essence*

Magazine, a New York-based monthly publication aimed at African American women, which has over four million readers nationwide. The complaint charges *Essence* with discrimination based on sexual orientation, in violation of New York City's human rights ordinance, because the magazine, at the last minute, pulled an already paid for ad placed by BGLLF, fearing that "conservative advertisers might not approve."

An order for the ad and a check in excess of \$6,000 was accepted by *Essence* and a contract was signed with their agent in Los Angeles.

The text for the ad stated, "COME OUT! COME HOME!" AND "TAKE PRIDE -- with pride in yourself you can appreciate the differences in others." The ad also included four photos of lesbian and gay African Americans and announced the conference and its dates.▼



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In a church where the debate continues over when ensoulment occurs, when personhood begins, and at what point the fetus is a person, there is not yet room for a "just abortion theory," the possibility that abortions can be just, moral, and in some cases even reflect good decisions.

Just as we don't want a world in which a woman's life is sacrificed for a fetus, we never want to see a world where a fetus is casually aborted. But if we are talking about the sanctity of life, we must demand that the church include all our lives, including gay and lesbian lives, the lives of women who decide to terminate pregnancies, the lives of women who bring pregnancies to term, and their families. We strive for truly pro-choice, prolife, propeople church.

This article was first published in *Dignity/USA* in April 1990.

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A Year to Dismember

Left to right: Jeanine Strobe, Tom Ammiano, Karen Williams and Karen Ripley — four gay comics ready for anything — in *A Year to Dismember*, 1990 in comic review. Learn whether or not Madonna can type. See fashion statements by Supreme Court Justice David Souter. Bart Simpson gets elected to the school board. It's the "help I've fallen and I can't get up" comedy of the year. All at the Eureka Theatre, 2780 16th St., at Harrison, S.F. 415-558-9898, playing Dec. 27-30, 8pm; Dec. 31 8 & 10pm.

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CALENDAR

December

15 Saturday

- **New Jewish Agenda** presents "Chanukah" the Festival of Lights; 448-4574.
- **Voguing into the 90s**, Faces benefit WCIC Project Survival AIDS; Joe Hawkins 454-0516.
- **6th Annual Winter Concert**, see Dec. 14.
- **Femertainment**, fundraiser for PAWS, Lioness Books, 2224 J St., 442-4657, 10am-6pm.
- **Free household hazardous waste disposal** City & County of Sacramento, 9am-1pm at 21st & W sts. 368-6160 or 449-5757.
- **Snow White Champagne Ball**, 8pm, Lincoln Plaza Atrium, \$35 advance, \$45 at the door; 441-6397 for more info.

16 Sunday

- **Christmas Faire**, Church of Enthusiasm and Joy, 2755 Cottage Way, Ste. 11, free; 456-5685 or 489-7503.
- **Femertainment**, see Dec. 15.

17 Monday

- **Sacramento Symphony and Sacramento Symphony Chorus**, Maria Fortuna, soprano, Bruce LaMott, conductor, Family Holiday Pops, Community Center Exhibit Hall, 14th & L sts., 649-0200.

18 Tuesday

- **PFLAG**, Christian Education Building, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, 7:30pm; 449-9510.



- **Holiday Party**, Lambda Community Center, 6:30pm.

19 Wednesday

- **Sacramento Symphony and Sacramento Symphony Chorus**, see Dec. 17.

20 Thursday

- **Healing Alternatives**, SAF, 1900 K St., Ste. 201, 7-9pm; 682-4737 or 448-2437.

21 Friday

- **How to Survive the Holidays**, workshop, Church of Enthusiasm and Joy; 456-5685 or 489-7503.

22 Saturday

- **Auction**, City of Sacramento, Sac. Comm. Center, 13th & J sts; 422-8212.
- **Lady Garnett** at Joseph's Town & Country, charity benefit; 649-9248.
- **Christmas concert**, Sac. Master Singers; 967-2762 or 925-3159 for details.

24 Monday

- **Christmas Ham Dinner**, 3-7pm, \$5, RSVP; Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., 649-9248.

25 Tuesday

- **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

28 Friday

- **Dreams, Astral Body & In and Out of Body Exp.**, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy; 456-5685.

31 Monday

- **Dinner Dance**, BACW, Miyako Hotel in S.F. Japantown; 495-5393.
- **New Year's Eve Gala Extravaganza**, Delta King; 444-KING.
- **New Year's Eve Buffet**, 12:30pm, \$5-\$10; Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., 649-9248.

January

1 Tuesday

- **Roast Pork Dinner**, Joseph's Town & Country; 649-9248.

5 Saturday

- **Great Sacramento Rare Book & Ephemera Show and Sale**, Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn; 443-6223.

6 Sunday

- **Great Sacramento Rare Book & Ephemera Show and Sale**, see Jan. 5.

CALENDAR

- **Michael Schade**, Schwabacher Debut Recitals; 415-565-6434.

- **General meeting**, Golden State Gay Rodeo Assoc.; The Corral in S.F., 2pm, 415-863-4487.

7 Monday

- **Women's Rap**, Lambda Center, 7pm; topic: Secret Question; 442-0185.

9 Wednesday

- **Ariel Tomiaka**, First United Methodist Church; 487-5728 or 1-800-765-4354.

10 Thursday

- **GLAAD/Sac meeting**, 6:30pm, the Commons, 17th & P sts.; Judy 451-0919.

12 Saturday

- **17th Annual Travel Fair**, presented by the Sacramento Bee; 321-1793.
- **Workshop**, by Ariel Tomiaka, Morgan Hill, Calif.; 487-5728 or 1-800-765-4354.

13 Sunday

- **Workshop**, by Ariel Tomiaka; see Jan. 12.

14 Monday

- **Women's Rap**, Lambda Center, 7pm; Potluck dinner; 442-0185.

15 Tuesday

CALENDAR

Art Galleries

thru Dec. — Dexter Smith, 544 Downtown Plaza, Sat.-Wed. 12-4pm, 441-5494, 371-1725.
thru Dec. — Nathaniel Clark, paintings and etchings, Barbara Lindsey (McDonald), at Keith Yates Audio Video, 2440 Fulton Ave., 485-6700.

thru Dec. 21 — Sculpture by Linda Gelfman, C.S.U.S. University Union; 278-7911 or 278-6595.
thru Dec. 22 — Robert Else, recent paintings; Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St., 448-8723.

thru Dec. 31 — Clay Vessels by James Laveria, The Himovitz Gallery, Pavilions, 550 Pavilions Lane, 925-5917, M-Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 12-5pm.

thru Dec. 31 — the works of Penina Meisels, Michael Himovitz, Maria Gullhermina, Jeffrey Margolin, Himovitz Gallery/Pavilions, 550 Pavilions Lane, M-S 10am-6pm, Sun. 12-5pm, 925-5917.

thru Jan. 5 — "Women and the Railroad," Calif. Railroad Museum, 111 I St, 10am-5pm daily, 324-4724.

thru Jan. 5 — Gail Caulfield, ceramic sculpture; Lite Rail Art Gallery, Rocklin.

thru Jan 15, 1991 — Winter Show by Jock Slater, The Shenandoah Gallery, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth 95669, daily 10am-5pm; artist's reception Sun., Nov. 11 1-4pm, 209-245-4455.
thru Jan 30, 1991 — California Modernism, Library Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.

thru Jan 30, 1991 — Of Time and the City: American Modernism, Herold Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.

Jan. 2-26 — John Driesbach, Nina Glaser, Kate Monson; Michael Himovitz Gallery, 448-8723.
Jan. 6-27 — Eleanor Dickinson, drawings; Himovitz Gallery, 925-5917.

Theater

Available for tour bookings in No. Calif. thru 1991 — *Get Real*, a play about kids, choices & well-being; target audience grades 4-6; (415) 861-4914 (presented by the New Conservatory Children's Theatre Co. of SF and the Federal Centers for Disease Control) Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St, S.F.; (415) 956-4781.

thru Dec. 15 — *Picture Me*, Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St, S.F.; Wed-Sun 8pm; (415) 861-5079.

thru Dec. 22 — *Midsummer Nights Dream*, 24th St. Theatre, Sierra II, 2791 24th St., 446-3024.

thru Dec. 23 — *The Nutcracker*, Sacramento Ballet, Community Center Theater, 14th & L sts, 444-2491.

thru Dec. 30 — *Scrooge*, Delta King, 1000 Front St., call 444-KING.

thru Dec. 28 — *A Christmas Carol*, Sacramento Theatre Co., 1419 H St, 443-6722.

thru Jan. 5, 1991 — *Crazy Rhythms*, Tunes from the Jazz Age through Swing, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd., R.C., 985-6361.

Dec. 15 — *The Golden Grotto or Bracko, The Prince Frog*, 206 Sacramento St., Nevada City, 8:15pm; 265-8587.

Dec. 15-16 — *Miracle on 34th Street*, Crest Theater; 44-CREST.

Dec. 16 — *Lambda Players Presents Night of One-Acts*, 1931 L St., reservations recommended, \$5 advance, \$7 door, 7:45pm; 442-0185.

Dec. 19-20 — *White Christmas*, Crest Theater; 44-CREST.

Dec. 21 — *A Christmas Carol*, Crest Theater; 44-CREST.

Dec. 22-23 — *It's a Wonderful Life*, Crest Theater; 44-CREST.

Dec. 21-30 — *Sea Marks*, Show Below; 446-2787.

Dec. 27-31 — *A Year to Dismember*, Eureka Theater, S.F.; 415-558-9898.

Dec. 31 — *Crazy Rhythms*, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre; 985-6361 for info.

Jan. 3-19 — *Sea Marks*, Show Below; 446-2787.

Jan. 4-5 — *The Symphony Salutes Broadway*, Sacramento Symphony; 649-0200.

Jan. 4-26 — *Beyond the Fringe*, Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd, Carmichael, 589-7529; Friday-Sunday only.

Jan. 5 — *Bob McGrath of Sesame Street*, Sacramento Symphony, 649-0200.

Jan. 11-13 — *Mozart & Tchaikovsky*, Sacramento Symphony; 649-0200.

Jan. 18-19 — *Louis Lortie*, Sacramento Symphony; 649-0200.

Jan. 11-March 2 — *The Crucifer of Blood*, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.

Jan. 12-Feb. 16 — *Hidden: A Gender*, Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St, S.F.; W-Sun. 8pm; (415) 861-5079.

Jan. 20-21 — *Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Gospel Spectacular*, Sacramento Symphony; 649-0200.

Jan. 27 — *Les Miserables*, final curtain, Curran Theater, S.F.; 415-243-9001 or 415-474-3800.

Jan. 28 — *An Evening with Vivaldi*, Sacramento Symphony/Woodland; 649-0200.

Jan. 29-30 — *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, SCCAT auditions; 449-7228.

Jan. 30 — *Violinist William Barbini*, Sacramento Symphony/College of the Siskiyous; 649-0200.

Jan. 30, Feb. 10 — *Les Miserable*, Music Circus; 441-3163.

Feb. 26-March 24, 1991 — *The Good Person of Setzuan*, Sacramento Theatre Co, 1419 H St, 446-7501.